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## SHOWING OFF HER PARTY HAT

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June MacGregor Jain models a 1920s hat at the province's annual lieutenant-governor garden party on Wednesday afternoon at Government House. Jain was amongst a large crowd mingling and sipping tea in the backyard of the residence. KATE HOWELL/FOR METRO

# Thibeault heirs want Kelly out as executor

**Latest development.**  
Mayor not commenting



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Mary Thibeault's beneficiaries have asked Nova Scotia's probate court to remove Mayor Peter Kelly as the executor of the deceased woman's estate.

In documents filed with the court, the beneficiaries allege Kelly has been unresponsive to their requests to settle up the estate, more than seven years after Thibeault died.

"We believe that Peter Kelly has not acted in the best interest of the estate and his lack of effort on his part shows disrespect for Mary E. Thibeault's final wishes," reads the filing.

"We beneficiaries have great concerns regarding the accounting of this estate. We feel we have been more than patient and that the continual procrastination by the executor is going to make it

next to impossible for true accounting of the estate."

The filing also alleges Kelly failed to report to the beneficiaries, either not providing information when requested or telling "mistruths."

Thibeault's bank records are scheduled to be destroyed in August. The beneficiaries are requesting the records be preserved as they "believe they are critical to the settling of the estate."

The applicants — Gregory Oldfield, Elizabeth Herritt, Catherine Ivany, Raymond Ivany and Phyllis Brunt — also say Kelly's lawyer, Harry Thompson, has a conflict of interest. Thompson represents both the estate and Kelly.

Philip Halleran and Sharon Mahoney filed letters in support of the group. Two beneficiaries — Fabian Halleran and Edward Brunt — died before the estate was settled.

Thompson did not return an interview request. Kelly has repeatedly refused to comment on the matter pub-



Mayor Peter Kelly RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

licly, saying it was personal. The mayor's office said he did not intend to comment on these latest revelations on Wednesday.

Kelly's role as executor of Thibeault's estate made headlines after The Coast revealed Kelly made out cheques to himself and his son totalling \$115,000 — cheques later reversed by Thibeault's bank.

Shortly after the story was published in February, Kelly announced he would not run for re-election in October.



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## Pizza-shop incident

Accused set  
to have bail  
hearing  
Thursday

Robert John Walsh CBC NEWS

A 31-year-old Mount Uniacke man spent a second night in jail before returning to Dartmouth provincial court for a bail hearing on Thursday.

Robert John Walsh, who had been on an undertaking not to drink because of a previous impaired-driving incident, was arraigned on 10 charges Wednesday. They include resisting arrest, assaulting police, impaired driving and damage to property.

He was then sent to the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside pending Thursday's court appearance.

Walsh was arrested and taken into custody after police used a spike belt on Highway 101 near Exit 3 to stop a car they say he was driving erratically.

This, after police allege he went on a drunken rampage at his old place of work, the Jessy's Pizza on Cobequid Road in Lower Sackville.

Police are also saying he is a suspect in an attempted theft at the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission outlet on Sackville Drive just before 6 p.m. on Tuesday. **ANDREW CALEY/FOR METRO**

Jessy's Pizza franchise owner Robert Hamman inside his Lower Sackville restaurant Wednesday, one day after he says a former employee came in on a drunken rampage. **ANDREW CALEY/FOR METRO**Man who allegedly went  
on rampage fired for  
coming to work drunk

**Crime.** Employee at Sackville pizza place says accused wanted to start a fight with him

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David Safatli was working in the back of Jessy's Pizza on Cobequid Road Tuesday night when he heard his cashier scream.

"Oh, my God, he's here," he recalled hearing.

Safatli came out to see a man who appeared to be drunk in the Lower Sackville pizzeria.

"I asked him what he was

## Quoted

"I didn't want to call the cops, but we couldn't have him endangering customers."

David Safatli, Jessy's Pizza employee

doing here and he said he was here for me," said Safatli.

The man, he said, was 31-year-old Robert John Walsh from Mount Uniacke. He had worked at the pizza place before being fired two months before, said franchise owner Robert Hamman.

"He was coming to work drunk," Hamman said Wednesday inside his pizza shop. "So I had to let him go."

This is likely what Walsh was upset about Tuesday night, Safatli added.

Safatli said he tried to calm the former employee down. He said that after Walsh failed to goad him into a fight, Walsh went into a drunken rage, throwing chairs and recycling bins and eventually urinating outside in the parking lot before leaving.

Police were called to the restaurant just after 7 p.m. When they arrived, Walsh had allegedly already left in a Pontiac Sunfire, and soon after police began getting re-

ports of someone in the same vehicle driving recklessly.

Police say the man eventually got into a hit-and-run accident at the intersection of Stokil Drive and Beaver Bank Road.

The suspect's vehicle was eventually immobilized. No one was injured in the incidents, and police say Walsh was taken into custody and has been charged with close to a dozen offences.

When asked about the incident on Wednesday, Safatli said he wasn't scared because he knows Walsh and what he's like.

"He's just had a really rough time in life and felt like he had nothing to lose," he said.

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The Black Eyed Peas in performance on the Halifax Common in the summer of 2010. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

# HRM on track to prevent future concert scandals

**Favourable report.** More than half of AG's recommendations have been implemented so far



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The municipality has implemented 33 of auditor general Larry Munroe's 54 recommendations on how to ensure another concert-cash scandal doesn't happen.

A report to the municipality's audit and finance committee Wednesday notes the other 21 recommendations are in progress. The bulk of

the incomplete recommendations concern a new management agreement between Trade Centre Ltd. and the municipality for the Metro Centre.

"A draft management agreement has been developed outlining the relationship between the parties, specific levels of authority, reporting requirements, and performance measures," the report, submitted by CAO Richard Butts, reads.

That agreement is currently being vetted by the city's legal department and the provincial Department of Justice. It is slated to come before the committee before proceeding to a full council session for debate and ratification.

## Working on it

- A total of 12 recommendations made by auditor general Larry Munroe on a new management agreement between HRM and TCL are still "in progress," while 14 are complete.

While the municipality has made some strides in improving internal business practices, a more "robust" ethics and value training for staff and councillors will have to wait for the October election.

"More detailed information on the delineation of roles between council and ad-

ministration will be another component of (the) post-election council orientation," the report states.

Council voted last month to swallow the almost \$360,000 fronted to, but never paid back by, promoter Harold MacKay in relation to concerts on the Halifax Common in 2010. HRM was attempting to recover more of that money, presumably from Trade Centre Ltd., but the city's legal department said that recovery looked unlikely.

Mayor Peter Kelly, a key figure in the subsequent scandal that rocked city hall, refused to comment on the matter after that vote. Because he didn't chair the meeting, Kelly explained he would not comment.

## What ails us. Sick days create major liability for HRM, projections show

If an employee hired by the Halifax Regional Municipality in 2004 had yet to use a sick day, they'd be eligible for almost 150 this year.

Municipal employees who do not use their allotted 18 days of sick leave per year can carry over unused days to the following year.

The sick-day bank, according to municipal spokeswoman Shaune MacKinlay, functions as a de facto short-term disability fund.

"If someone goes out, say you break your ankle and you knew you wouldn't be at work for however long, you would have to use your sick days first," MacKinlay said Wednesday.

"We have to use our sick days before we start tapping into disability benefits."

An employee who has used all 18 sick days per year would be eligible for disability benefits immediately.

The system has added up to a \$12.4-million liability to the municipality. It's not a direct cost to the municipality — at least not yet — but rather an actuarial calculation projecting

## By the numbers

# \$45.3M

Amount allotted for "employee future benefits" in HRM's 2012 budget.

how much sick time employees will take in the future.

That liability raised some eyebrows at the municipality's finance and audit committee.

"It's almost like an entitlement," said Coun. Linda Mosher. "If you don't use the sick time, you're still allowed to benefit."

"The entitlement is if they get sick they have more sick time for a given period of time," responded Greg Keefe, the municipality's Chief Financial Officer, adding if the employees are not sick they don't get the time.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO



Coun. Linda Mosher

## Halifax. Street switches back to two-way traffic

The two-block section of Bowers Street between Grafton and Barrington has been reopened to two-way traffic. Changes to signs and paint markings were scheduled throughout Wednesday, including removal of three parking spaces.

The conversion comes nine months after HRM Traffic Services switched the section to one-way traffic only,

as part of a number of traffic changes downtown aimed at making room for bike lanes and increasing the number of available parking spaces.

Local businesses had expressed concerns about the change in traffic flow since the conversions were implemented in September of last year, HRM spokeswoman Tiffany Chase said. METRO

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## alFresco filmFesto. It will be a summer of Johnny in Halifax

Last summer, it was Bill Murray. This year, Haligonians can spend Friday nights with Johnny Depp thanks to the alFresco filmFesto summer film series Summer of Johnny: Rolling in the Depp.

For five weeks, Depp's theatrical antics will be projected on the waterfront boardwalk, near the Seaport farmers' market.

Four of the five Depp films are collaborations with Tim Burton. "We looked to the fans on this one, and Johnny Depp and Tim Burton came up consistently in the requests," said Lia Rinaldo, festival director, in a release.

The Atlantic Film Festival is producing the festival.

Screenings will begin at 9 p.m., with gates opening one hour earlier. Though it is a



Johnny Depp THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

free series, those attending are encouraged to donate \$5.

The screenings will include Edward Scissorhands on July 27; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Aug. 3; Alice in Wonderland on Aug. 10; What's Eating Gilbert Grape on Aug. 17; and Ed Wood on Aug. 24.

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### Third suspect sought

#### Drug searches lead to 2 arrests

Halifax police arrested two people and are searching for a third after two separate drug searches Wednesday morning.

Police searched the 3600 block of Lynch Street and say they seized marijuana and cash. A 24-year-old man and a 26-year-old woman were arrested and face charges of drug possession for the purpose of trafficking.

At the 5300 block of Rector Street police found cocaine, marijuana, Dilaudid and cash, but are still looking for a 21-year-old man in relation to the incident.

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### Springhill

#### Six arrests put end to house party

In what police are calling an "out-of-control house party," six people were arrested for Criminal Code violations early Saturday morning in Springhill.

The local police department issued a weekend report on Tuesday regarding the matter. The report said several complaints were received Friday and early Saturday evening.

As a result, six people were arrested for offences including mischief, creating a disturbance, assaulting a peace officer, breach of conditions and underage drinking.

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From left, Kathleen Richardson-Prager, Andrea L'Heureux and Mary Ann Villeneuve proudly show off their hats at Wednesday's garden party in the backyard of Government House. KATE HOWELL/FOR METRO

# Hats off to Government House garden party

**Tea and fancy toppers.** Lt.-Gov.'s annual event draws a crowd from across Nova Scotia

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Sipping tea in the backyard of Government House on Wednesday, June MacGregor Jain is reminded of a garden party she attended at Buckingham Palace in 1993.

"We weren't even allowed

to bring our lipstick," she said, remembering the circumstances of the time.

Now, nearly 20 years later, Jain is glad to attend this year's lieutenant-governor's garden party in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

"The monarchy is a stabilizing, unifying factor," said Jain, who is a member of the Monarchist League of Canada.

Amid a flock of hats, Jain's choice stood out. It was purchased by a friend's family member in New York in the 1920s.

"She was a friend's aunt, but everyone called her Aunt

### Quoted

**"It's an occasion people look forward to. Plus, the tea is great."**

Elizabeth Ryan

Hilda," said Jain.

The friend, who inherited the hat after Hilda's passing, lent Jain the dark-coloured feather spectacle for Wednesday's special day.

The garden party was attended by people all across the province, many of whom had never met Lt.-Gov. John

James Grant, who was appointed this past February.

"It's a wonderful tradition for the lieutenant-governor to open his house to the residents of Halifax," said Elizabeth Ryan, who sported a green-brimmed hat for the afternoon event.

A commemorative bust of Queen Elizabeth II was unveiled in honour of the festivities.

Youth from Girl Guides, Scouts Canada and Cadets volunteered to help serve refreshments, which included tea and lemonade, along with cake and other desserts.



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## Road safety. Cycling group pushing for large-scale bike-lane project

As interest in and support for cycling continues to grow in HRM, the Halifax Cycling Coalition is continuing to advocate for the crosstown-connector bike-lane project.

The connector, a set of lanes for bikers that would go from Agricola and South Park streets, is currently being considered by Halifax's transportation standing committee, said Ross Soward, the coalition's co-chair, and a final decision from HRM is expected sometime this fall.

Soward said bikers are looking for a safer way to travel between the north and south ends of Halifax, which would make biking to work more feasible for some residents.

"It would be a huge moment for cycling in Halifax, and could be kind of a transformative moment," he said at the group's general meeting at Dalhousie University on Wednesday night.

The group's popular Bike Week festivities and other public events have brought more media attention to cycling than ever this year, Soward said, which he hopes

### Improvement

- Although the city is easier to navigate than most, Halifax Cycling Coalition co-chair Ross Soward admits it could always be better.
- "(The city's bike lanes are) a little bit of a patch-work right now," he said, adding that it's most intimidating to new and would-be bikers, those who many of the coalition publicity campaigns are targeting.

will lead to even more bikers on the road.

"Many more people are starting to get clued in to why biking makes sense for them, whether it be the health component, because it's easier to get around or because it's cheap and practical," he said.

And as for would-be bikers who've yet to take up cycling, Soward said of the connector project, "we think, if you build it, they will come."

SPENCER BUELL/FOR METRO

# Plotting to inspire and raise hope in community



Kolade Boboye, 12, left, a Hope Blooms junior leader, and Christopher Ring, 8, weed a patch of vegetables they helped grow. SPENCER BUELL/FOR METRO

### Hope Blooms.

Organization celebrates 5 years of cultivating life skills in Warrington Park

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In order to be a junior leader with Hope Blooms, Karen Chen says you need to have a few particular character traits.

"You have to have responsibility. You have to take care of the children. You have to be kind, and you really want to be lovable with your community," the 11-year-old said.

Chen, who said she wants to be a pianist or music teacher some day, joined the gardening group five years ago, when she was seven. And since then she's been pretty busy planning events, teaching the younger kids how to plant and maintain the veggies on little plots of land, and focusing on keeping up her good grades. But it's worth it, she said.

"It's fun. It's nice to be with your friends and want to be

### Raising money

- In addition to selling their crops, Hope Blooms offers a line of homemade salad dressings, the proceeds from which support a scholarship fund.

helpful and responsible," Chen said.

Blossoming from just a few locals and children, the Hope Blooms Community Garden's ranks have swelled to more than 40 youth volunteers, who, along with how to plant and maintain their gardens, learn entrepreneurial, community-building and life skills.

More than 100 family members, donors and garden plot owners turned out for a fifth-anniversary celebration at the North End Community Garden at Warrington Park on Wednesday for salad, burgers, hotdogs and a few performances.

"The amount of people that showed up from the community today just shows that they really feel ownership of this," founder and nutritionist Jessie Jollymore said.

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## Truro

## Outdoor grow-op shut down

An outdoor marijuana grow-operation has been dismantled in the Truro area.

Acting on a complaint from the public, Colchester RCMP were able to locate the grow-operation near Main Street in Bible Hill on Tuesday. One hundred marijuana plants were seized. No arrests have been made and the matter is still under investigation. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

## Antigonish municipalities

## Province asked to intervene in dispute

A municipal warden is asking the province to become involved in a tax dispute between neighbouring municipalities in Antigonish county. Herb Delorey, the warden of the County of Antigonish, says the town of Antigonish shouldn't be allowed to go ahead with the forced tax-sale of the exhibition grounds.

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## Parking garage

## Cops asking for help in thefts

Halifax Regional Police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man in relation to a rash of thefts at a parking garage. Police say the man is suspected of having broken into several vehicles over a span of a couple of months in a parking garage on Brunswick Street. Items such as loose change and electronics have been stolen. **METRO**



Image of man police want to speak with. HANDOUT/HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE

# An Irish craft with Canadian Spirit

**New collection.**  
NovaScotian Crystal launches pattern at Pier 21

## Quoted

**"Our two stories come together. We're all about immigrants and Canada."**

Rod McCulloch, president of NovaScotian Crystal, on the collection and launch at Pier 21

Embodying the partnership between immigrants and Canada, NovaScotian Crystal believes they have captured the "Canadian Spirit" in their traditional Irish craft.

NovaScotian Crystal is a pioneer of crystal cutting in Canada. Hailing from Ireland, they set up shop on the Halifax waterfront almost 16 years ago.

Commonly inspired by Nova Scotian landscape, they changed their pitch to mould something that could speak to all Canadians.

"It was time to bring it to the next level, thinking of ourselves as Canadian instead of Nova Scotian," said Rod McCulloch, president of NovaScotian Crystal, at the launch of its latest crystal products Wednesday.

Kieran Bowes crafted the pattern, titled Canadian Spirit. When he began designing, he knew exactly where to start.

"Every time we thought of something Canadian, we thought of the maple leaf," said Bowes. "We couldn't get away

from it."

Dissatisfied with the look of a sole maple leaf on crystal, Bowes drew inspiration from the bodies of water surrounding Canada. The design is half a maple leaf overlapped with three cuts, which start off heavy and finish light, representing the three oceans. On the back, the three lines intersect, representing unity among Canadian residents coast to coast.

The pattern is unique for NovaScotian crystal.

"This is the first pattern that doesn't repeat itself," Bowes said. "It's one pattern the whole way around."

The product was launched at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 on Wednesday morning, suiting the relationship NovaScotian Crystal has with the museum, as well as the rest of Canada, as Irish immigrants. **KATE HOWELL/FOR METRO**

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One of the new crystal glasses in the Canadian Spirit collection. CONTRIBUTED



# Experts question science behind 9-11 cancer fund

**Fallout.** Influx of new beneficiaries could lessen payouts for victims suffering from asthma, lung disease

Call it compassionate, even political. But ... scientific? Several experts say there's no hard evidence to support the U.S. federal government's declaration this month that 50 kinds of cancer could be caused by exposure to World Trade Center dust.

The decision could help hundreds of people get payouts from a multibillion-dollar World Trade Center health fund to repay those ailing

after they breathed in toxic dust created by the collapsing twin towers in New York on Sept. 11, 2001.

Many workers laboured in the ash wearing only flimsy paper masks, and went home coughing up black phlegm with some still experiencing mild respiratory problems years later.

But scientists say there is little research to prove that exposure to the toxic dust plume caused even one kind of cancer. And many acknowledge the payouts to cancer patients could take money away from those suffering from illnesses more definitively linked to Sept. 11, like asthma and some types of lung disease.

Yet this month, Dr. John

## Reaction

**"To imagine there is strong evidence about any cancer resulting from 9-11 is naive..."**

Biostatistics professor Donald Berry of Texas MD Cancer Center in Houston on the validity of new federal funding for 9-11 victims suffering from cancer

Howard, who heads the federal agency that researches workplace illnesses, added scores of common and rare

cancers to a list that had previously included just 12 ailments caused by dust exposure.

Lung, skin, breast and thyroid cancer were among those added; of the most common types of cancer, only prostate cancer was excluded.

Several factors about the decision by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health raised eyebrows in the scientific community.

Even lawyers for the first responders were stunned: They had expected to see only certain blood and respiratory cancers put on the list.

In late 2010, Congress set up two programs for anyone exposed to the rubble, smoke and dust at Ground Zero: rescue and cleanup workers and others who worked or lived in the area. Cancer was initially excluded, but Congress ordered periodic reviews based on the latest scientific evidence. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Reggie Hilaire of the NYPD developed cancer in the years following his job searching for human remains from Ground Zero. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Waiting lists

**Blueprint provides strategy for boosting organ donations**

Canada must do better to help its citizens receive life-saving and life-enhancing transplants, says Canadian Blood Services, which released a blueprint Wednesday for boosting organ and tissue donations across the country.

The blueprint includes 25 recommendations on how provinces and territories can work together to create a strategy to improve Canada's transplantation rate.

If implemented, the plan "would result in a 50 per

cent increase in the number of organ transplants in Canada and a doubling of the number of tissue donors..." said Dr. Graham Sher, CEO of Canadian Blood Services.

The demand for donor hearts, kidneys and other organs, as well as tissues like bone and skin, far outstrips the supply, Sher said from Ottawa.

In 2010, the latest year for which statistics are available, more than 4,500 Canadians were on the waiting list for donor hearts, livers, kidneys and lungs. But only 2,150 organs were available for transplant and close to 250 people died while waiting for a replacement organ.

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## Separating conjoined twins

Indian mother Maya Yadav holds her one-year-old conjoined twin daughters Stuti and Aradhna at the Mission hospital in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh, India, on Wednesday. A team of 34 medical experts from India and abroad have begun the surgical procedure to separate the twins, according to local news reports.

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# Terror in Toulouse — again

## Hostages saved.

Crack police storm bank in the area where seven people were killed by terrorist gunman in March

A hostage-taking Wednesday left the French city of Toulouse traumatized for the second time in three months.

Police stormed a bank and captured a gunman who took four of its employees hostage.

Tensions have been high in Toulouse since March,

## City in fear

"I'm worried about the climate that reigns in this city."

Fearful Doriane Clermont, 23, who lives across the street from the bank with her three-year-old son.

when a gunman who claimed links to the al-Qaida terror network killed three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers.

This time, officials waved off reports the latest suspect had ties to al-Qaida, saying he had psychiatric problems.

Prosecutor Michel Valet said the gun, used twice during the six-hour ordeal, fired only rubber bullets, and the gunman had no prior police record.

The hostages were released unharmed, while the suspect was hospitalized with two bullet wounds in the left hand and left thigh.

Among those moved to safety in the area were four-year-olds and five-year-olds from a private language school next to the bank.

The Prefect of the Haute-Garonne region, Henri-Michel Comet, said 150 police were mobilized, 30 of them from the elite GIGN squad.

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Police secure the area after a gunman took four people hostage in a Toulouse bank Wednesday. BRUNO MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Court all set to debate the state of Breivik's brain



Sane or insane? Anders Behring Breivik, left, is watched by two psychiatrists during his Oslo mass murder trial. HEIKO JUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Do prosecutors think confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik is insane or not?

They're not saying — for now.

But "the decision has been made," prosecutor Svein Holden told reporters in Norway on Wednesday.

Closing arguments begin Thursday in a trial that has captivated Norway since the middle of April.

Ultimately, judges will decide Breivik's mental state when they hand down a ver-

dict in July or August.

Breivik, a self-described anti-Muslim militant, has admitted he carried out the bombing and shooting rampage that left 77 people dead in July, so guilt is not an issue.

The main issue is whether to send the 33-year-old Norwegian to a prison or a mental institution.

Weeks of fractious testimony from mental health experts suggest it's a complicated decision — and Breivik's behaviour in court has not made it any easier.

At the end of Wednesday's Oslo hearing, Breivik complained not enough attention was given to his suffering at seeing Norway become a multicultural society.

"This case is about Norway's future, and Europe's future, and these were themes they should have addressed," he said.

He added it was "a traumatic experience ... to be stigmatized as a narrow-minded Islamophobe and a right-wing extremist."

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## Pivotal week

Prosecutors will present their views on Breivik's mental state on Thursday. The defence will get its chance Friday.

- **PANEL.** The five judges have at least a month to deliberate before delivering a verdict.
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# Khadr's legal team to urge transfer

**Press conference.** Unlike Khadr's previous lawyers, current group has kept a low profile



Omar Khadr  
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The federal government was sticking to its lines about the delayed transfer of convicted war criminal Omar Khadr from Guantanamo Bay on the eve of a Thursday news conference by his normally taciturn legal team.

Two months after an official request by the Americans to take Khadr off their hands, Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said there was nothing new to say about the case.

"I've made no decision in that. I'll make a decision in due course, in accordance with the law."

That's been Ottawa's line ever since it became clear that the Americans were seeking to have the Toronto-born Khadr transferred to Canada to serve out the rest of his sentence.

Khadr, 25, pleaded guilty in October 2010 to war crimes committed in Afghanistan in 2002 as a 15-year-old — including murder, in violation of the rules of war.

In return for his plea before a widely maligned military commission, he was sentenced to eight years,

with one year to be served in Guantanamo Bay. He was eligible for transfer last October.

Earlier this year, sources said the transfer — in accordance with promises Ottawa made at the time of Khadr's plea bargain — was on track to happen by the end of May. That hasn't happened.

On Wednesday, Khadr's legal team — Canadian lawyers John Norris and Brydie Bethell, and his Pentagon-appointed lawyers Lt.-Col. Jon Jackson and Maj. Matthew Schwartz — announced they would hold a news conference in Ottawa to update the public on the delayed transfer.

They are to be joined by Sen. Romeo Dallaire, a long-time advocate for child soldiers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## RCMP Act. Top Mountie needs more disciplinary powers, says minister

The federal government wants to arm the RCMP commissioner with greater powers to discipline or even fire people who give the force a bad name.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says there is too much red tape in the current process for weeding out wrongdoers.

"There's no doubt that changes are needed," he told a news conference, flanked by RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.

"The RCMP Act has not been significantly amended for over 25 years."

Toews announced proposed changes Wednesday, intended to untie Paulson's hands as he looks into complaints.

Several female RCMP officers have come forward since Cpl. Catherine Galliford went public in November with allegations of harassment within the force in British Columbia.

Men have also complained of abusive behaviour and intimidation.

Paulson, who took over as commissioner late last year, says ridding the force of dark-hearted behaviour is one of his priorities.

He recently expressed frustration about the bureaucratic barriers to doing so.

The legislation introduced Wednesday — as the House of Commons prepared to rise for the summer — also includes measures to modernize the watchdog that handles public complaints about the RCMP and enhance transparency when Mounties themselves are under police investigation.

Toews said the RCMP's current disciplinary procedures are outdated and inefficient.

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### Immigration changes

#### New law to curtail deportation appeals

New legislation introduced Wednesday by the Conservative government gives greater powers to the immigration and public safety ministers to determine who gets to come and stay in Canada. The Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act seeks to cut off avenues for convicted criminals to appeal their deportation.

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### Report leaked

#### PM's security detail thrust into spotlight

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson decried Wednesday the leak of an internal report that raised concerns about the prime minister's security detail, calling it "unlawful."

And Paulson also conceded it might boil down to a case of payback against the officer in charge of the unit.

The leak of the manage-

ment report to Radio-Canada this week thrust a normally low-profile unit into the spotlight. Members of the prime minister's office past and present sprung to the defence of Supt. Bruno Saccomani, saying he had actually brought improvements to the unit.

The management review included interviews with 41 per cent of the 116-member unit, and said a majority of members reported problems with their boss, including intimidation and favouritism. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Thailand deaths

#### Bodies of Canadian sisters released

The bodies of two Canadian sisters who died in Thailand are expected to arrive home Thursday, a relative said.

Their uncle said that because preliminary autopsies have already been completed, Thai medical authorities have agreed to release the bodies of Audrey and Noemi Belanger, who died under mysterious circumstances.

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## Wildfire

## Greek firefighter dies battling blaze on air-force base

A Greek firefighter died Wednesday while helping to battle a large wildfire inside an air force base west of Athens, authorities say.

A fire department statement said the 28-year-old felt unwell and was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Greek air force spokes-

man Constantinos Grapsas said the blaze is not endangering installations at the Elefsina base — primarily used by firefighting and transport planes.

Grapsas said 40 fire engines, seven water-dropping aircraft, one helicopter and 160 firefighters are battling the blaze.

Meanwhile, two firefighters were hospitalized after being injured while battling a separate fire in Salamis, an island off the southern port of Piraeus.

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## Suicide bombing

## Unconfirmed: 3 U.S. troops and 15 Afghans killed

Pentagon officials say as many as three U.S. troops and 15 Afghans may have been killed in a suicide bombing in eastern Afghanistan.

Officials spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because details of the incident were sketchy and the officials weren't

authorized to talk about it publicly.

Early reports from Afghans said a car packed with explosives rammed into vehicles in an international military convoy.

But U.S. Defence Department officials say it's not clear whether it was a convoy.

A suicide vest is suspected to have been used.

While the Americans believed killed were all military, U.S. officials say the Afghans were security and civilian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# New Greek PM sworn in, calming fears of calamity



Greece's newly sworn-in Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, centre, waves to supporters in Athens on Wednesday. KOSTAS TSIRONIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Massive challenges ahead. Three-party coalition expected to conform to conditions of bailout

Greek conservative party head Antonis Samaras was sworn in as prime minister Wednesday at the helm of a three-party coalition that will uphold the country's international bailout commitments.

The move ends a protracted political crisis that had cast grave doubt over the country's future in Europe's joint currency and threatened to plunge the continent deeper into a financial crisis with global repercussions.

But the new government still has massive challenges

ahead: It must deliver on pledges by its predecessors to generate huge new savings, privatize publicly owned companies and real estate, cut about 150,000 civil service jobs in coming years and open restricted professions to competition.

Samaras, a U.S.-educated 61-year-old economist, was sworn in three days after his New Democracy party won the second national elections in six weeks but without enough votes to form a government on its own. He is Greece's fourth prime minister in eight months.

The conservatives will join forces with the socialist PASOK party, which came in third place, and the smaller Democratic Left led by Fotis Kovelis. Discussions on the lineup of ministers were to be completed by Wednesday.

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## Fraud allegations. Delay in announcing winner of Egyptian election

Egyptian election officials delayed the announcement of the winner of Egypt's presidential election, which had been expected Thursday, and gave no date for a decision, hiking tension as allegations of fraud swirled and each candidate declared he was the victor.

Amid the atmosphere of political confusion, the Muslim Brotherhood claimed there was an organized campaign of allegations against it to mar the election and keep its candidate, Mohammed

Morsi, out of the presidency. The accusation raises temperatures and the possibility of a backlash from the Brotherhood if its rival — former prime minister Ahmed Shafiq — is declared the winner.

On top of the potentially explosive dispute over the election is murkiness over the latest health scare of the 84-year-old former dictator Hosni Mubarak. State media reported that he suffered a stroke. Mubarak was ousted last year and is now in jail.

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# Do Not Kill registry mocks U.S. drone-strikes list

## In the crosshairs.

Website creator raises questions about U.S. foreign policy and human-rights abuses

How do you ensure your name doesn't mistakenly land on U.S. President Barack Obama's list of people to be captured or killed by a drone strike? Add yourself

to the Do Not Kill registry, of course.

As controversy over Obama's recently exposed official "kill list" and expanding drone program spreads, a satirical website has launched a registry to "help(s) give people around the world the peace of mind urgently needed during these times of escalating drone conflict."

The "National Agency for Ethical Drone-Human Inter-

actions," identified on the website as the group behind the initiative, launched the Do Not Kill registry as a way to "avoid accidental casualties in our mission to make the world a safe place for Democracy and Free Enterprise."

The registry does not guarantee your safety, however, only that an "additional review process will be undertaken before you are labeled an enemy militant and added

to the national kill list," according to the site.

Yes, it's a spoof.

But Ian Alan Paul, the 27-year-old University of California PhD student behind the website, said he hoped the site would highlight the controversial use of military drones in warfare — what he called an "egregious violation of human dignity and rights."

A New York Times exposé published in late May



An unmanned U.S. Predator drone flies over Kandahar Air Field, southern Afghanistan. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

revealed that Obama personally presides over "kill lists," evaluating targets and ap-

proving strikes, in his country's drone war on terrorist groups. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Op. Fast and Furious

### Invoking executive privilege, Obama prevents disclosure

Republicans escalated a high-profile clash with President Barack Obama in a case of a botched gun-running investigation by voting Wednesday to hold his Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt for failing to turn over Justice Department documents.

The vote followed a decision by Obama earlier in the day to assert the rarely-used presidential power of executive privilege for the first time in his administration in order to protect the confidentiality of the documents.

The committee wants documents that explain how the department learned of problems with the Operation Fast and Furious probe along the Mexican border. But Obama decided to withhold them.

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## Cape Canaveral

### Top-secret satellite launched in Florida

The Air Force has launched a rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla., carrying a top-secret satellite for the United States.

The unmanned Atlas V rocket lifted off Wednesday morning. On board was a satellite belonging to the National Reconnaissance Office.

The NROL-38 satellite is the first of three critical missions scheduled to launch within the next two months.

A launch attempt Monday failed and was delayed two days following replacement of an environmental-control-system duct that failed near its connection to a mobile-launch platform.

For security reasons, officials refused to provide any further details of the satellite, its mission or whether it reached orbit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## When East meets West

Prince Charles receives His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Clarence House on Wednesday in London. The exiled Buddhist Tibetan leader is taking part in a weeklong tour of the United Kingdom.

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# Sticking up for environment a deadly practice

**Report.** Killings of environmentalists appear to be rising as conflict over shrinking resources intensifies

The eulogies called Chut Wutty one of the few remaining brave enough to fight massive illegal deforestation by the powerful. The environ-

mental watchdog was shot by a military policeman in April as he probed logging operations in one of the country's last great forests.

Nisio Gomes was the chief of a Brazilian tribe struggling to protect its land from ranchers. Masked men gunned him down in November. His body, quickly dragged into a pickup, has not been seen since.

Around the world, sticking up for the environment can be deadly, and it appears

**By the numbers**

## 34

Killings have occurred in at least 34 countries, from Brazil to Egypt, and in both developing and developed nations, according to an Associated Press review of data and interviews.

to be getting deadlier.

People who track killings of activists say the numbers have risen dramatically in the last three years.

Improved reporting may

be one reason, they caution, but they also believe the rising death toll is a consequence of intensifying battles over dwindling supplies of natural resources, particular-

ly in Latin America and Asia.

A report released Tuesday by the London-based Global Witness said more than 700 people — more than one a week — died in the decade ending 2011 “defending their human rights or the rights of others related to the environment, specifically land and forests.”

They were killed, the environmental investigation group says, during protests or investigations into min-

ing, logging, intensive agriculture, hydropower dams, urban development and wildlife poaching.

The death toll reached 96 in 2010 and 106 last year, said the report, which was released as world leaders gathered in Rio de Janeiro for a conference on sustainable development.

The report's annual totals for the six prior years range from 37 in 2004 to 64 in 2008.

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## A long-awaited honour

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, centre, looks up as she arrives in a procession at an award ceremony at Oxford University in England on Wednesday. The leader of Myanmar's opposition is being honored at the university's Encaenia ceremony, where it presents honorary degrees to distinguished people. Suu Kyi, who is making her first visits outside of her native country in 24 years, was awarded the honorary doctorate in civil law in 1993, but was unable to collect it because she was under house arrest in Myanmar. LEFTERIS PITRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## 1996 killing. Former butcher executed for murder in Mississippi

Mississippi has executed a former grocery store butcher for dismembering a man and raping a woman he locked in a metal box.

Authorities say 49-year-old Gary Carl Simmons Jr. was pronounced dead at 6:16 p.m. Wednesday. He was convicted of the Aug. 12, 1996 killing of Jeffery Wolfe, who was shot, dismembered and his body parts scattered in a bayou.

Simmons also was con-

victed of kidnapping and raping Wolfe's female friend and sentenced to two life terms on those charges. He was the sixth Mississippi inmate executed this year.

Simmons' former brother-in-law, Timothy Milano, also was convicted of killing Wolfe, who drove to Mississippi from Houston with the woman to collect a drug debt. Milano received a life sentence.

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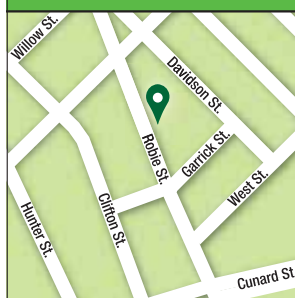


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# Chinese dissident kept away from court

## Intimidation campaign.

Outspoken artist Ai Weiwei can't attend hearing on his lawsuit against tax authorities

Police barred artist Ai Weiwei from a hearing on his company's lawsuit against Beijing tax authorities and blocked filming at the courthouse Wednesday as part of an intimidation campaign against the outspoken government critic.

Ai told reporters that police had ordered him to stay away from the court, and that he complied.

Chinese authorities detained Ai for three months last year and his design company was ordered to pay about \$2.4 million worth of back taxes and fines, in a penalty interpreted by activists as punishment for

his criticism of the authoritarian government.

The company has appealed the fine and separately filed a lawsuit that accuses the tax bureau of violating laws in handling witnesses, evidence and company accounts in the case. To the surprise of many, the lawsuit was accepted.

Ai's wife, Lu Qing, who is the legal representative of his design company, attended the hearing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## The artist

- Ai Weiwei is a sculptor, photographer and installation artist who has increasingly used his art and online profile to draw attention to injustices in Chinese society and the need for greater transparency and rule of law.



Ai Weiwei, second from left, is stopped by a plainclothes policeman while he argues with another policeman, foreground, outside his home in Beijing on Wednesday. **ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Bahrain. Boy, 11, remains behind bars over charges of joining illegal gathering

A Bahrain court on Wednesday delayed a verdict in the case of an 11-year-old boy accused of taking part in anti-government protests. The new date for a ruling is July 5.

The sixth-grade student, who was in court alongside his father, spent a month behind bars and took his final school exams there. The boy, Ali Hasan, faces charges of joining an illegal gathering and other claims related to the unrest in the troubled Gulf nation. Defence lawyer Shahzalan Khamis has asked the court to drop the charges.

The boy is one of the young suspects detained in crackdowns on protests led by Bahrain's Shiite majority, which seeks a greater political voice from the ruling Sunni dynasty.

The government on Wednesday defended its handling of the Hasan case. It said an investigation concluded the youngster was arrested for blocking a road in June and was held in police custody for only six hours. He was in juvenile detention for the next month.



A man rides his bicycle past a row of burning tires set by Bahraini anti-government protesters Thursday in the eastern island of Sitra, Bahrain. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

It also insisted there has been no "intentional focus" to arrest children in the anti-government protests. The government statement said the numbers of children in its juvenile detention centre has averaged around 15 since the beginning of the year. It said in most cases, children remain there only for several weeks, with the most serious offenders staying for a year. More than 50 people have died in Bahrain's upheavals since February 2011.

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## Debt dispute

### U.S. businessman trapped in China

A Missouri man involved in a business dispute has been stuck in China for five months after the Chinese government refused to let him leave.

The Chinese government forced Steve Fleischli of Labadie, Mo., to surrender his passport in a dispute over his company's unpaid debt to Chinese firms. Complicating matters is that he has lost his job since going to China on business in January. The State Department declined comment on his case, but its website says there is little it can do to intervene on behalf of Americans in situations like Fleischli's, which can take years to resolve.

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## But they told me to!

### Man sentenced for killing 2 priests

A Colombian judge has sentenced a man to more than 40 years in prison for murdering two Bogota priests who allegedly paid him to end their lives.

Gilberto Penate had confessed to shooting to death Roman Catholic Revs. Rafael Reatega and Richard Piffano in early 2011 and making it appear like a robbery. Prosecutors say Reatega was suffering from AIDS and syphilis and prosecutors determined that the priests had paid Penate and another gunman \$8,400 US to kill them. Penate said when he met with Reatega to discuss arrangements for the killings, the priest was in distress. Prosecutors said Reatega had been seen in gay bars. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Luka Rocco Magnotta is taken by police from a Canadian military plane to a waiting van on Monday in Mirabel, Que. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Luka Magnotta is well known, but who is Eric Newman?

**Less chronicled.** After his not guilty plea Tuesday, Magnotta is in the spotlight

The world knows Luka Rocco Magnotta all too well.

His exploits, whether real or imagined, whether alleged by police or conjured up in his own mind, have been detailed by media outlets around the globe.

It appears the 29-year-old man accused of killing, dismembering and partially cannibalizing a Montreal uni-

## Dozens of profiles

- He has also gone by the aliases Vladimir Romanov and Jimmy, set up dozens of online usernames and maintained 70 Facebook pages and 20 websites, police said.

versity student wanted it that way.

Magnotta appeared to live much of his life online, using the Internet to cultivate a dark and twisted, yet sexual, image.

It's an image that's likely here to stay now that he has

been whisked back to Canada on charges including first-degree murder, defiling a corpse, and harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Before he was accused of killing 33-year-old Jun Lin, suspected of posting video of the aftermath online and mailing body parts to political parties and schools, before a rumour surfaced that he dated Karla Homolka — a rumour many believe he started — and before a video was posted on YouTube showing a man suspected to be Magnotta killing kittens, he was just Eric Newman.

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## U.S. Federal Reserve

Fed extends  
'Twist' program  
with \$267B

The U.S. Federal Reserve acted Wednesday to lift an economy held back by a weakened job market, extending a program designed to spur borrowing and spending through lower long-term U.S. interest rates.

The Fed also sharply lowered its outlook for U.S. growth. It now thinks the economy will grow no more than 2.4 per cent this year. That compares with its forecast in April that the economy could grow up to 2.9 per cent. And it thinks the unemployment rate, now 8.2 per cent, won't fall much further in 2012.

After a two-day meeting, the Fed said in a statement that it will continue a program called Operation Twist through year's end.

Under the program, the Fed has been selling \$400 billion US in short-term Treasuries since September and buying longer-term Treasuries. It said it will extend the program through December using \$267 billion in securities.

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# RIM shares down as job cuts start in bid to save \$1B

## Research in Motion.

Analyst estimates BlackBerry maker could cut 3,000 employees — after 2,000 cuts last year

BlackBerry-maker Research in Motion Ltd. has begun the grim task of cutting jobs in a bid to save \$1 billion as part of a plan to right the company as it races to bring its new models to market later this year.

The company said Wednesday that it's looking for at least \$1 billion in savings by the end of its 2013 financial year and job cuts are part of that plan.

RIM — which did not provide specific numbers regarding the cuts — is expected to provide a business update

## Offices

In addition to its main base in Waterloo, Ont., RIM also has a customer-service centre in Halifax that services users in Canada, the U.S. and South America.

- Other smaller offices based in Mississauga, Ont., and Ottawa have been combined with staff of QNX Software Systems, the company that designed the operating system behind the PlayBook and the next generation of BlackBerry devices.

when it reports its first-quarter results on June 28.

Wedbush Securities analyst Scott Sutherland estimated that RIM could cut as many as 3,000 employees

in its bid to reduce costs, which would top last year's cut of around 2,000.

"I think RIM is finally making the hard decisions," he said.

"It is a tough time for them, but they need to ensure profitability, speed to market, and get these new devices out."

Sutherland said much is riding on a new line of BlackBerry phones powered by the BlackBerry 10 operating system, which are expected later this year.

Advance estimates on how many jobs would be lost ranged wildly from 2,000, or about 12 per cent of the workforce, to 5,000, or about 30 per cent.

Last July, RIM laid off about 11 per cent of its workforce, or 2,000 employees, marking the biggest employee reduction in its history.

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## Burger King goes public, again

Burger King Corp. CEO Bernardo Hees, right, talks with specialist Donald Himpele on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday after the world's No. 2 hamburger chain began trading as a public company again under the ticker symbol "BKW." The Miami-based chain had last traded as a public company between 2006 and 2010, before it was purchased and taken private by investment firm 3G Capital. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## StatsCan. 5.8 people jobless for every vacancy

Statistics Canada says there was an average of 248,000 job vacancies in the country in three-month period ended in March, up 19,000 from the same period in 2011. However, it says there were just 5.8 unemployed people for every vacancy, down from 6.5 in March 2011. The decline in the ratio of unemployment to job vacancies was a result of the increase in vacancies

## Unemployed

8.3

The construction sector had the biggest decline in the unemployment-to-job vacancies ratio, with 8.3 unemployed people for every vacant job ending in March.

and decline in the number of unemployed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Economy. Momentum to slow: Forecasts

New private-sector forecasts see Canada's economy struggling to maintain momentum in the next two years, held back by weak job growth and vulnerable to both external and internal shocks.

Under this scenario, the CIBC says Canadians will likely be able to take advantage of historically low interest rates into 2014. But the Bank

of Canada need not be overly worried about households continuing to pile on debt as a result of generous loan conditions, it added to its latest economic report released Wednesday, which noted that credit growth continues to slow even with today's low interest rates.

The two forecasts — from CIBC and Capital Econom-

ics — both project the Canadian economy will register the lowest annual growth rates since the recession in the next two years. CIBC says growth will average 2.1 per cent in both 2012 and 2013, whereas Capital Economics expects an even slower pace, at two per cent in 2012 and 1.5 per cent in 2013.

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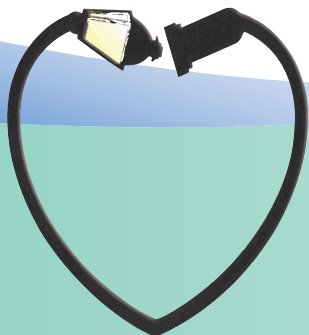
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# Busker Festival celebrates 26 years



Last year's winner of Metro's People's Choice Award, Victor Rubilar, will return with his awe-inspiring football dynamics and outlandish personality. CONTRIBUTED.

## Waterfront entertainment.

Largest festival of its kind in Canada features dancers, magicians, trampoline acts and acrobatics.

NICOLE TRASK  
For Metro

The Halifax International Busker Festival is gearing up to take over the waterfront from Aug. 2-12 and promises to provide plenty of thrills.

Celebrating its 26th year, the festival is the largest of its kind in Canada and one of the longest running. With plans for six stages to be set up along the Halifax waterfront from Historic Properties to Summit Plaza, the entertainment will be accessible to locals and tourists alike.

This year's roster includes 19 performers, 16 of whom are new to the festival. Performers hail from Australia, Switzerland, Japan, the U.S., the U.K., Mexico, Spain, Argentina, and Canada.

According to event manager Christina Edwards, the acts will appeal to a wide range of spectators. "From dancers to magicians to trampoline acts and acrobatics, the lineup is diverse."

Expect a few familiar faces, such as returning Canadian performer Kate Mior, a living statue and fan favourite from 2010, who has an uncanny ability to mesmerize crowds with her "living doll" persona. Australia's Judith Lanigan will show off her wild hula hoop stunts. And Canada's Spring Action will display its acrobatic and trampoline skills with a dose of comedy thrown in.

Last year's winner of Metro's People's Choice Award, Victor Rubilar, will return with his awe-inspiring foot-

## Quoted

**"The Halifax International Busker Festival promises to have a little something for everyone."**

Christina Edwards

ball dynamics and outlandish personality. Music will also be prominent, with such eclectic acts as Juzzie Smith's pulsing grooves and OKA's progressive roots with electrified digeridoo, slide guitar and melodic flutes.

Miss Australia 1963, or Madge All Seasons, as she is also known, will twirl handbags, do a cat walk and offer a no-holds barred fashion commentary.

"With so many acts to choose from, the Halifax International Busker Festival promises to have a little something for everyone," says Edwards.

## Busking breakdown

### Busker Festival stage hours:

- **Thursday, Aug. 2.** 6-9 p.m.
- **Friday, Aug. 3 to Saturday, Aug. 11.** From noon to 9 p.m.
- **Sunday, Aug. 12.** From noon to 3 p.m.

### More information:

The event is a family oriented, free-to-attend festival and located along the beautiful Halifax Waterfront.

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Whale watching has become one of the most popular outdoor adventures in Nova Scotia.

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# Dive into a whale of an experience

**Adventure.** Operators try to make tours as interactive as possible

**TOM MASON**  
For Metro

Few encounters with nature can compare to the experience of seeing a whale. That's why whale watching has become one of the most popular outdoor adventures in Nova Scotia.

"In recent years, more people who are travelling to Nova Scotia want to have some kind of experience on the water while they're here," says Ryan Barry with Great E.A.R.T.H. Expeditions, a Halifax-based tour company that specializes in getting tourists up close and personal with Nova Scotia nature.

"Whale watching is a great

## Up close and personal

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way to do it. Seeing some of the largest creatures on Earth up close is a pretty unique experience."

More than a dozen species of whales and dolphins make their homes in Nova Scotia waters, and places like the Bay of Fundy and Cape Breton's Pleasant Bay have become legendary whale watching centres.

But the outer reaches of Halifax Harbour are also a good place to see the levia-

thans at play — and much more accessible for people living in HRM. Species such as fin whales and humpbacks often scour the outer harbour for krill, and as an added bonus, people also get a chance to see other marine life like seals, dolphins, sharks and rare seabirds.

Murphy's is one of several tour operators that offer whale watching tours on Halifax Harbour, from the company's site at Cable Wharf in downtown Halifax. Director of marketing Angela Malec says the company takes great pains to make sure tour passengers know exactly what they are looking at.

"We try to make our nature and whale watching tours as interactive as possible," she says.

"We have a marine biology student on board to explain the whole ecosystem of the harbour. It's a lot more than just looking for whales."

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# Delighting audiences of all ages

**Theatre.** Shakespeare by the Sea returns for its 19th season

**TOM MASON**  
For Metro

As the late summer sun casts long shadows over Halifax Harbour, the forest of Point Pleasant Park becomes a scene of mayhem and dark revenge. The venue is the dark ruins of Cambridge Battery. The production is Titus Andronicus, arguably William Shakespeare's darkest play. Shakespeare by the Sea has begun its 19th season.

Titus Andronicus is one of three productions that the popular theatre company will stage this year. It's also taking on the comedy The Merry Wives of Windsor and a family-oriented production of Alice in Wonderland.

Co-artistic director Elizabeth Murphy admits that both Titus and Merry Wives are a bit risky to stage.

"They aren't the plays that most people think of when they think of Shakespeare," she says. "But it's important for us to take on the whole Shakespearean canon."

Alice in Wonderland is less of a risk because Shakespeare by the Sea's family productions have always been big draws. In past years, the company has staged such classics as Pinocchio, Snow White, and Robin Hood, all to large audiences.



Drew O'Hara (Card), left, Jeremy Hutton (Card), Riley Raymer (Alice) and Tom Gordon Smith (Queen of Hearts) will perform in Shakespeare by the Sea's production of Alice in Wonderland. JESSE MACLEAN/FOR METRO

Murphy says the company has been a developing ground for local talent since its inception.

"We're a professional company, but we try to hire as many local actors as we can," she says. "Summer is the busiest season for our productions, so we usually have to bring in one or two actors from out of province."

The full season for Shakespeare in the Park runs from

April to October. Performances in the cooler months and on rainy evenings take place in the 82-seat Park Place Theatre in the lower parking lot.

Shows start at 7 every evening except Monday throughout July and August, with the exception of July 19. There is a suggested admission fee of \$15.

"That fee is very important to our operations," says

Murphy. "So we ask that everyone who can afford it to please pay it."

Audience members are instructed to leave their vehicles in the Tower Road parking lot and walk to Cambridge Battery. For those with restricted mobility, Shakespeare by the Sea offers a free golf cart service by calling 24 hours in advance.

For more information, visit [shakespearebythesea.ca](http://shakespearebythesea.ca).

## Bevy of fun festivals for you to check out

From boats to beer to pride, here are just some of the fun festivals taking place across HRM in July and August.

### TD Halifax Jazz Festival:

For the first time in its 26-year history, the jazz festival will offer two nights of free concerts. "It's a way of giving back to our fans and supporters, and it's also opening it up to people who don't typically come in," says festival chair Olga Manzoni. As many as 100 musicians will perform at the festival, which runs from July 6-14.

### Halifax Seaport Beerfest:

The sixth annual Beer on the Pier takes place Aug. 10-11 in Halifax's historic Seaport District on Marginal Road. The weekend offers a mixture of music and nearly 200 different types of local, regional and international beers and ciders.

### Manulife Dragon Boat Festival:

This one-day festival takes place July 14 at Lake Banook in Dartmouth. All money raised by the festival, which features cultural displays and performances in addition to races, benefit the Nova Scotia Amateur Sport Fund.

### Halifax Pride Festival:

Celebrating its 25th anni-

versary, Halifax Pride week runs from July 20-29. The festival takes place across various locations in HRM and features such events as the celebrated Pride Parade, Dykes vs. Divas softball game, and Queer Acts live-theatre performances.

### Halifax International Busker Festival:

The longest-running outdoor festival of its kind in Canada will take place from Aug. 2-12. Located on the Halifax waterfront, Busker Fest features street performers from across the globe. As always, there is no charge for performances, but keep in mind that the street artists make their money from tips.

### Maritime Fiddle Festival:

The 63rd Maritime Fiddle Festival runs from July 5-9 at various Dartmouth locations. It features fiddle and step-dance competitions, workshops and a kitchen party.

**Lebanese Festival:** Admission is free to this four-day festival, which runs from July 5-8 at the Olympic Community Centre at 2304 Hunter St. in Halifax. Sample Lebanese culture through food, music, a fashion show and activities for kids.

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# Summer fun only a click away

**For the family.** Check out HRM Parent online for information and events that will keep your kids entertained all season long

**NICOLE TRASK**  
For Metro

Parents seeking inspiration for family fun need look no further than the exciting activities taking place across the Halifax Regional Municipality.

From kid-pleasing workshops and playgroups, yoga for youngsters and story time to festivals and fundraisers, there are myriad ways for

families to get involved.

HRM Parent is an online community run by parents that provides information, events, services and the opportunities to connect and set up play dates.

"Our event calendar is one of the most active areas of our website," says Meghan Collins, one of the three partners and owners of HRM Parent. "Our users like to be able to go to one spot to see everything that's going on."

For instance, the Hatfield Farm Round-Up gives kids a chance to participate in wagon and pony rides, pet a variety of farm animals, jump on a bouncy castle and play gladiator games. It's a great place for kids who may not normally have access to a farm yet still close to the city.

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Meghan Collins, HRM Parent

round-up, your kids will get fresh air, blow off lots of steam and be exposed to animals they don't see on a day-to-day basis," says Collins.

Story Time at the Public Gardens allows preschool-age children (or anyone who enjoys a good story) to listen to Woozles bookstore staffers read beloved tales. Meanwhile, Yoga for Kids is being held at Breathing Space Yoga Studio in Bedford and Tantallon.

Until Aug. 26, the Museum of Natural History is featuring Out of this World:

Extraordinary Costumes from Film and Television, a collection of more than 40 costumes from different science fiction films and TV shows.

Collins advises parents to check the HRM Parent website often for the latest happenings. "We do a special blog every Friday called the Weekend Wrap-up, which highlights four to five events taking place that weekend," she says. "Many parents wait until it's posted at 4 p.m. to finalize their weekend plans."



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# Many fun events to keep you busy

**Events.** From sports to arts and culture, HRM promises to be a busy place this summer

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Get ready to make the most of your spare summer time with these fun-filled events taking place across the Halifax Regional Municipality.

**RBC Multicultural Festival, June 22-June 24:** Sample a variety of cultures through food, music, dance and more at the Halifax Seaport location on Marginal Road.

**Bedford Days, June 28-July 2:** Art shows and workshops,

sports, free ice cream and fireworks provide fun for the whole family at Bedford Days.

**Sackville Patriot Days, June 29-July 1:** A combination of sports, dances, contests and children's events celebrate Canada Day.

**Fall River Canal Days, June 29-July 2:** This gathering in Fall River will feature such events as an art show, a strawberry social and a fishing derby.

**EPIC Dartmouth, July 1:** Swim, cycle and run in Dartmouth's first annual EPIC triathlon.

**HRM Canada Day, July 1:** To honour Canada's 145th birthday, various events will be held across HRM, including the annual Tattoo parade



Kim Mitchell is one of the headliners at this year's Weir Rockin concert Aug. 18 at Weir Field in Upper Sackville.

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in downtown Halifax, a free concert at Alderney Landing and fireworks over Dart-

mouth Crossing at 10 p.m.

**Shakespeare by the Sea, July 1-Sept. 2:** This summer's selection of outdoor theatre includes productions of Alice in Wonderland, The Merry Wives of Windsor, and Titus Andronicus.

**Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, July 1-8:** The world's largest annual indoor show features bagpipes, highland dancers, military traditions and culture and so much more.

**Tall Ships Nova Scotia, July 19-29:** Historic vessels will grace the Halifax harbour for the Parade of Sail and visit various ports across the province.

**Africville Annual Picnic and Reunion, July 26-30:** In celebration of the former community of Africville, this event is held annually during the last weekend in July at Africville Park and features food, entertainment and children's activities.

**Telus World Skins Game, July 29-31:** Five top PGA Tour professionals will compete in this popular golf tournament, which is being held for the first time in Halifax at the Glen Arbour Golf Course.

**alFresco filmFesto, every Friday in July and August:** Watch classic movies outdoors on the waterfront every Friday night at sundown.

**Alexander Keith's Natal Day Festival, Aug. 2-6:** A total of 30 different events will be held to recognize the city's 117th Natal Day, including the longest parade in Atlantic Canada, live concerts and fireworks launched from the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge.

**Dartmouth Natal Day Road Race, Aug. 6:** One of the oldest road races in North Amer-



Halifax will welcome the FIVB Beach Volleyball SWATCH Junior World Championships Aug. 29 to Sept. 2. Below, defending Telus World Skins Game champ Jhonattan Vegas will compete again this year July 29-31 at the Glen Arbour Golf Course in Halifax. GETTY IMAGES

ica is celebrating its 106th anniversary this summer, welcoming both competitive and recreational runners and walkers to participate in a two-mile or six-mile race.

**Weir Rockin, Aug. 18:** Kim Mitchell, Prism and Platinum Blonde are head-

lining this summer's Weir Rockin concert at Weir Field in Upper Sackville.

**Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle Competition, Aug. 19:** Rain or shine, competitors and spectators will gather at Clam Harbour Beach to marvel at the seaside sand sculptures.

**FIVB Beach Volleyball SWATCH Junior World Championships, Aug. 29-Sept. 2:** Halifax welcomes this popular volleyball tournament back to the waterfront.

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# Summer tradition to heat up Halifax

## Natal Day Weekend.

Festival runs from Aug. 2-6; features plenty of activities and a fireworks show

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For Metro

The Natal Day weekend is going to be a busy one, packed with many exciting events.

"We're running concurrently with the Halifax International Busker Festival, which also kicks off on the Natal Day weekend, so there will be an incredible amount of activity," says Tim Rissesco, the chair of the Alexander Keith's Natal Day Festival. "There's going to be something for everyone to

do that weekend in HRM."

This year's Natal Day Festival runs from Aug. 2-6. One of the highlights is the annual fireworks show. In fact, there are three separate shows, with the eagerly anticipated Macdonald Bridge show leading the charge Aug. 4 at 10 p.m.

"It's something people drive from far and wide to see," says Rissesco. "It's the largest fireworks show in Eastern Canada. It's really special to see fireworks shot off the deck of a bridge."

On Aug. 5, there will be a fireworks show at the Canada Games Diamond at the Halifax Common beginning at 9:30 p.m. On Natal Day itself (Aug. 6), there will be more fireworks at 9:45 p.m. at Lake Banook in Dartmouth.

But Natal Day celebra-

### Quoted

**"It's something people drive from far and wide to see. It's the largest fireworks show in Eastern Canada."**

Tim Rissesco, chair of the festival

tions will actually kick off Aug. 2, with the ceremonial flag raising at Grand Parade. There will be entertainment, as well as free birthday cake.

A great event featuring crafts, games, storytelling and free bouncy castles for children between the ages of one and 10 will take place at Alderney Landing Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Perhaps the best way

to start Natal Day is with a tasty pancake breakfast, cooked up by the crew of CFB Halifax. This event will take place at Hydrostone Park from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Visit [natalday.org](http://natalday.org) to find out about more of the exciting Natal Day events taking place.

### History

#### Natal Day's origins

The first Natal Day took place in Dartmouth in 1895 and was a celebration of the fact the train was coming to town. Although the arrival of the train was delayed, it was decided the celebrations would go forward as planned.



The annual parade is one of the most popular Natal Day events.

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# Make waves on Canada Day

**Our home and native land.** Celebrations will be going full force in the HRM on our nation's 145th birthday

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Pack your picnic blanket and prop up on Citadel Hill July 1 for HRM's summer party of the year, the biggest celebration east of Ottawa.

It's Canada's 145th birthday — a day to be dazzled by the sounds and sights that will fill the city at the peak of summer.

There is a special event to stir the patriotic soul of every age group and interest. "We try to cater to everyone on that day," says event co-ordinator

Billy Comer. Expect Canadian music for all tastes, a parade, fireworks, bouncy castles for the kids, a 21-gun salute, and more.

The day begins with the annual Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo parade, featuring new community and historic floats to celebrate the theme of the War of 1812. "We're always going for bigger and better," says Tattoo media spokesperson Leah Whitehead.

Starting at 10:30 a.m. on the corner of Spring Garden Road and Grafton Street, the parade will travel west on Spring Garden, north on South Park, east on Sackville and north on Brunswick to finish at the Metro Centre about an hour later.

From there, move to the Halifax Common for the Great Canadian Family Fun Fest, where there will be a strong focus on youth activities this

year, including new literacy and athletic programs. Hosted by May Family Farms, there will be healthy food, kids' activities, break-dancing demonstrations and more.

Al fresco music is at the heart of this year's Canada Day events. Enjoy live concerts from 2-4 p.m. at Sullivan's Pond in Dartmouth and the Halifax Public Gardens. The entertainment culminates at Alderney Landing for the main event, which takes place from 4-11:59 p.m. and features an exciting lineup of indie and emerging bands.

Interested in getting the kids out before sunset for some pyrotechnics? The Pre-Canada Day Family Fireworks takes place June 29 at Dartmouth Crossing in the Pondsides Amphitheatre. Live music starts at 8 p.m. and the event runs to 9:45 p.m.



Canada Day festivities are sure to be among the summer's hottest events. CONTRIBUTED

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# Cool water tours

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Every day during the summer, Theodore Tugboat chugs out to take his place among the cruise ships, freighters and sailboats that populate the "Big Harbour." And kids of all ages are welcome to climb aboard.

The boat in question is actually Theodore Too, a life-size replica of the popular children's TV character. It's one of the most popular harbour tours operated by Murphy's, the largest water-tour operator in Halifax.

"Our Theodore Too tours are a great way for children of all ages to see a working harbour in action," says Angela Malec, Murphy's director of marketing.

"It's geared toward children, but adults love it, too."

Not all of Murphy's water tours feature lovable anthropomorphic boats, however. The company's most popular tour features a Vietnam-era amphibious personnel carrier called a LARC-V that the company has rebranded the Harbour Hopper.

A favourite of history buffs and gearheads alike, the Harbour Hopper drives by the historic highlights of downtown Halifax before making a memorable plunge into the harbour for a tour of the dockyards and harbourfront. All the while, passengers learn a memorable lesson about the history of Halifax delivered by enthusiastic guides.

"Each one of our guides injects their own personality into the tour, but they all have a strict script that they follow as well," says Malec. "They are all required to learn tons of his-

tory about Halifax before they start."

Another tour is Lobster and Lighthouses, which takes visitors into the life of a lobster fisherman and gives them a chance to pull up a lobster trap.

"We have a special catch-and-release licence," says Malec.

Deepsea fishing tours are popular with groups, and the Murphy's crew will even clean your catch.

The Mar II is Murphy's own tall ship that features pirate-themed cruises complete with cannons and a free eye patch for every passenger.

For those who prefer their harbour tour with a seafood buffet and live music, the stylized river boat Harbour Queen features dinner tours and on-board events.

"We've really got a cruise for everybody," says Malec.

## Don't let rain get you down

**Options.** Many places for families to visit if the weather isn't always sunny

**RICHARD WOODBURY**  
For Metro

Even if the weather outside is frightful, there are a ton of great places for families to go on a rainy day.

One option is the Discovery Centre in downtown Halifax. The hands-on science centre is always a popular spot, but until Sept. 9 it will draw even more people with its exhibit Be the Dinosaur.

"It's the first time the exhibit has been in Canada, so we're very excited," says Discovery Centre spokesperson Melissa MacInnis. "There are a lot of really cool components to it."

For example, the exhibit has state-of-the-art simulator pods, fossils, education materials and two large animatronic dinosaurs.



The Fun Zone at Dalplex is designed for kids ages 10 and younger. CONTRIBUTED

want to work out can do so while their kids are being supervised in the Fun Zone.

Families who want to work out their creative energies should consider the Clay Café, a paint-your-own-pottery studio on Quinpool Road. You just need to purchase a piece of pottery; all of the essential supplies, as well as glazing and firing, are included in the price.

The Halifax Public Libraries offers a wide range of activities geared toward families, such as kids' puppet shows and the Games on the Library Lawn program, plus they are fun places to relax and read.

One option that might be more for the parents than the kids is the Out of This World: Extraordinary Costumes from Film and Television exhibit taking place at the Museum of Natural History. Running until Aug. 26, it features costumes and related objects from some of the best-known science fiction films and television shows, such as Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, and The Terminator.

If family fitness is a priority, head to Dalplex on Dalhousie University's campus (you don't have to be a student or an alumnus). The Fun Zone is designed for kids ages 10 and younger and includes a ball pit, slides and tubes in which to crawl and climb. Child-care service is also available, so parents who



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# A taste of true Nova Scotia

## International Tattoo.

Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee, the War of 1812 and the Titanic's sinking are among the featured themes at this year's military event

JON  
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For Metro

The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo is famous for figuratively marrying performances as diverse as motorcycle acrobats and marching bands, but this year the military celebration is literally marrying two performers.

Former Haligonian and choir member Stacia Findlay will marry her Tattoo sweetheart, former German band member Carsten Borkert, July 7 during the pre-show presentation. The couple will exchange vows in front of 6,000 witnesses in a service officiated by Tattoo chaplain Rev.

Robert Chapman. The choir and Hannover band Heeresmusikkorps will provide the music.

"While there are many stories of romance at the Tattoo, this ceremony is a first in Tattoo history," says spokesperson Leah Whitehead.

The main themes in this year's Tattoo are the traditional Bond of Friendship, Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee, the War of 1812, and the Titanic's sinking. The Queen will be celebrated in a multimedia commemoration of her reign, while the Titanic portion will look at Halifax's rescue role in the disaster.

The bands will perform a rendition of My Heart Will Go On, as well as a medley of Autumn and Nearer My God to Thee, since there is some debate as to which song was played as the ship went down.

The War of 1812 section will feature a scene recreating the Grand Parade during the war.

"The best way to describe it is a colourful mob scene," says Whitehead. It will have many extras in historically accurate costumes and uniforms, mil-

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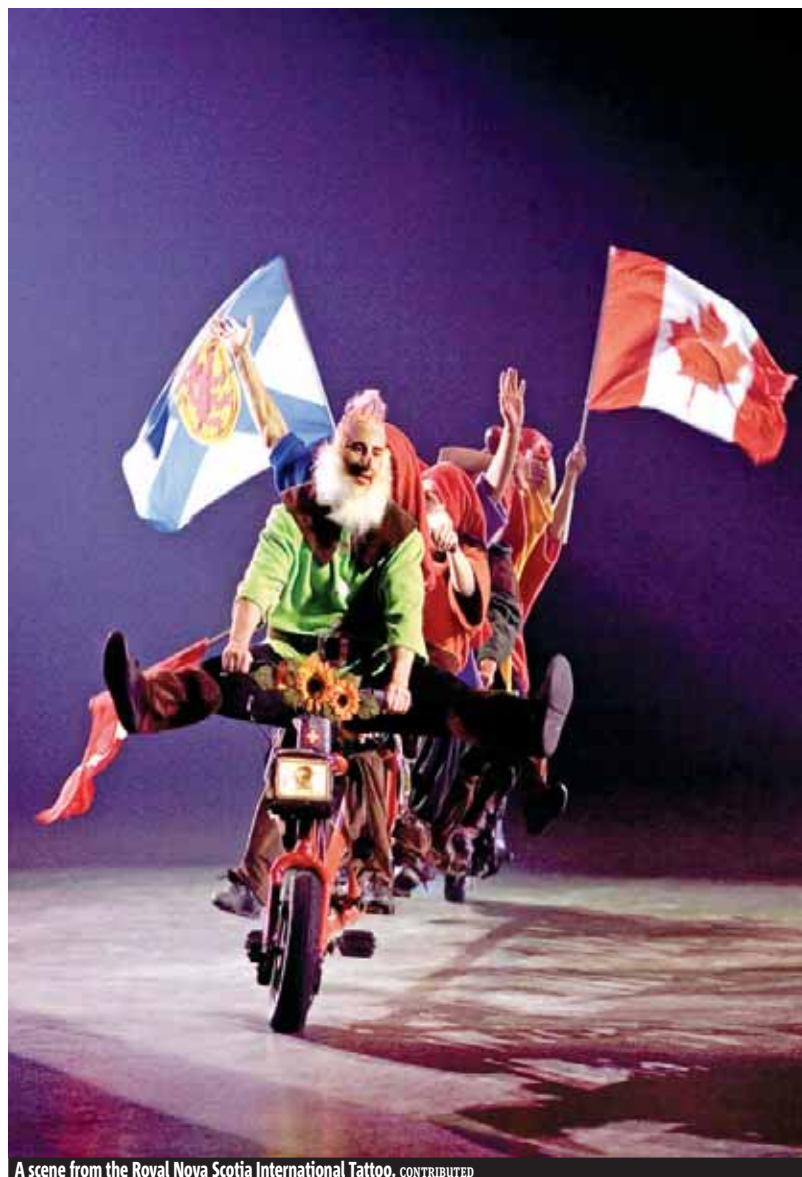
Leah Whitehead  
Description of a scene from the War of 1812 performance.

itary as well as civilian, along with a Halifax tavern, and, of course, the 1812 Overture.

The Tattoo may focus on our rich military history, but it's also taking advantage of new technology. The setup and rehearsal will be streamed live at [Novascotiawebcams.com](http://Novascotiawebcams.com). A PBS affiliate in Buffalo, N.Y., will air last year's show on Canada Day.

The Tattoo will be held at the Metro Centre from July 1-8. To accommodate families with young children, a fourth matinee has been added, and all shows will stick to 2½ hours. If you miss the performance, you can check out the daily Tattoo festivals held around Halifax, Lunenburg and Peggy's Cove.

For more information, visit [nstatattoo.ca](http://nstatattoo.ca).



A scene from the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. CONTRIBUTED

### About the Tattoo

- **What is it?** The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo is a week-long event held every year in Nova Scotia. The two-and-a-half hour family show is fast-paced – every scene only lasts about 3-6 minutes, so there is always something new to see and

experience. Looking for a taste of true Nova Scotia? There's bagpipes, highland dancers, la culture de l'acadie and military traditions. Hoping for something more modern? The Tattoo also features innovative acrobatic acts, modern music and dance.



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# Make the most of the great outdoors

**Parks.** HRM has many parks in which you can run, bike, walk or try other activities

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There are hundreds of parks to explore in the HRM, some with access to beautiful tree-lined trails, some with sea views to covet, but all providing a necessary escape from city confines in summertime.

Formerly a Mi'kmaq hunting and fishing ground, Point Pleasant Park is now a choice playground for city dwellers out for a run, bike or walk. This park has a three-kilometre sea-lined perimeter, myriad running and dog-walking trails, historic and cultural sites and live theatre throughout summer. Be prepared to share the trails with runners, strollers, cyclists and dogs from 6 a.m. to midnight.

## Hive of activity

**"Point Pleasant and Shubie are well-loved and well-visited parks and always a hive of activity in the summer."**

Shaune MacKinlay, HRM's public affairs manager.

Dartmouth's Shubie Park is the spot for a cushy city camping adventure. Equipped with washroom and shower service, a canteen and Internet access, it offers a supervised beach area during the summer, tennis courts and a baseball diamond. Visit Shubie, along the shores of Lake Charles, to hike, freshwater fish or join an organized tour.

"Point Pleasant and Shubie are well-loved and well-visited parks and always a hive of activity in the summer," says Shaune MacKinlay, HRM's public affairs manager.

Still within city limits, yet feeling removed from

the hustle, Long Lake Provincial Park has three lakes and more than 2,000 hectares of natural landscape. Situated in the Goodwood area, this park provides vast opportunities to explore natural habitats or go for an adventurous lake-side trek, mountain bike ride or dip in the lake. It's also a popular spot to take dogs swimming.

Bordered by two lakes, Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park in Upper Tantallon is a great family fishing destination. Named after the former radio host who lobbied for recreational opportunities for people with disabilities, all walkways and lakes are wheelchair accessible.

To catch a lively crowd and a livelier wave, travel east of Dartmouth along the Eastern Shore to Lawrencetown Beach Provincial Park, where riptides draw surfers from across the country. "Strong currents are the norm at this popular beach, so swimming is supervised in July and August," says MacKinlay.

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# Celebrate an opulent era

**Titanic.** Don your best formal attire to get a taste of ship's extravagant eight-course feast

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Halifax marked the solemn centenary of the Titanic disaster in April, but one event this summer will take a deeper look at the world the famous ship left behind.

Memory Lane Heritage Village in Lake Charlotte, N.S., will host a commemorative heritage dinner July 28.

The extravagant eight-course feast based on the Titanic's menu will be held in

formal attire to give people a taste of the Edwardian opulence enjoyed by the upper class of the day.

Thea Wilson-Hammond, the Village's executive director, says it fits into their tradition of themed dinners exploring history. However, sourcing such exotic ingredients as quail eggs in aspic with caviar proved tricky.

"The morels alone ran into the hundreds of dollars," she says. The wild mushrooms aren't cheap, but the whole meal costs \$50.



Break out your best Edwardian evening dress (tuxedo, white tie and top hat for men) for an eight-course meal that will commemorate what it was like to dine on the Titanic before it sank. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"Obviously, the sinking of the Titanic is a sad affair, but that isn't the focus of the dinner," says Wilson-Hammond. "We're picking up on the pop

culture side of things and the era of opulence it signifies."

The dinner will be accompanied by a string quartet.

The Village usually works

in the 1940s, so the 1912 setting was new for staff. They are asking guests to come in formal wear; ideally, Edwardian evening dress, which

would be tuxedo, white tie and top hat for men and pale, satin, floor-length dresses for women.

While there is flexibility in how formal guests can attire themselves, Jack Dawsons aren't welcome.

"We don't want people not to come if they don't have a dinner jacket," says Wilson-Hammond, "but we wouldn't want anyone to show up in jeans and a shirt."

Wilson-Hammond says they will be able to accommodate about 65 guests, and they have sold more than 30 tickets already. Visitors are coming from Washington, Illinois, Calgary, and Ontario, as well as locally.

"A lot of people who are booking couldn't make it to Halifax in April," says Wilson-Hammond.

While there is no overnight accommodation in the Village itself, staff are happy to direct visitors to local inns, B&Bs and campgrounds. Memory Lane Heritage Village will be open as usual for those wanting to make a day of it.

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# Tasty local treats

**Dining.** Restaurants are proud to serve the season's freshest food

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Summer dining in Halifax offers some of the tastiest treats. For many chefs and restaurateurs, it's also a chance to show off what's possible with a locavore diet.

At The Wooden Monkey on Grafton Street, general manager Matt Gass is excited about a new fruit finding its way into many of the kitchen's dishes: The haskap berry. The oblong blue berry tastes like a cross between a blueberry and a raspberry, with a hint of elderberry.

Gass is getting his from

the South Shore's LaHave Forests, one of the few suppliers in Canada.

"There's already a crazy demand for these berries," he says. "We're serving a haskap chutney with pork tenderloin, and we incorporate it into some of our desserts, such as the haskap crisp."

Gass is also excited about the Arctic char on the menu. Farmed near Advocate, it's a sustainable fish that tastes like a cross between salmon and trout.

Lil MacPherson, The Wooden Monkey's co-owner, says sourcing foods locally is a core principle.

"We believe in a true local-living economy and doing everything we can to buy and support local people," she says.

Chef Craig Flinn of Chives Canadian Bistro on Barrington Street has a hard time

## Local support

**"We believe in a true local-living economy and doing everything we can to buy and support local people."**

Lil MacPherson,  
The Wooden Monkey's co-owner

picking his favourite summer offering. His personal menu tends to overlap with his professional one.

"First of all, everything in summer can go on a barbecue," he says. "A perfect hamburger is hard to beat, but my new favourite is to slow smoke a pork butt roast for pulled pork. I like to serve it with a sweet corn succotash made with shelling peas, shucked corn and bell peppers from my garden."



Take the family out for a fresh, locally sourced meal in Halifax. BANANASTOCK/THINKSTOCK

Strawberry shortcake topped with ice cream is his top sweet.

Jane Wright, the owner of Jane's on the Common on

Robie Street, says she enjoys summer-fresh local organics, including her restaurant's own new Four Seasons Farm Salad. "We're also doing lots

with fresh rhubarb right now," she says. "We're making our non-alcoholic rhubarb cordial and a rhubarb galette for dessert."



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# Historical voyage

**Waterfront.** Tall Ships 2012 will give visitors a chance to travel back in time to the War of 1812

**TOM MASON**  
For Metro

Every summer, thousands of tourists come to Halifax to explore the city's history. This year, the history is coming to Halifax. When Tall Ships 2012 kicks off July 19, until it ends on July 23, the Halifax waterfront will be transformed into a 19th-century living museum.

"We're working with Parks Canada to put together an interpretive event," says HRM Waterfront Development president and CEO Colin MacLean. "The plan is to have people in period costumes to recreate the waterfront as it would have looked around the time of the War of 1812."

The backdrop will be the ships themselves. Many of the ships invited to this year's event — vessels like the Amistad, Lynx, USS Providence and Pride of Baltimore II — are replicas of the kind of American privateers that would have been lurking outside Halifax Harbour during the War of 1812.

Along with the history lesson, Tall Ships 2012 is shaping up to be a great party. "One of the things you always hear from the crews of these ships is that Halifax is one of their favourite ports," says MacLean.

To do so, Tall Ships organizers are partnering with organizations like the Atlantic Film Festival, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, and the Dis-

covery Centre to create family-oriented displays and events. Taste of Nova Scotia will be setting up a food village on the waterfront to offer visitors samples of local food, wine and beer.

Parks Canada has given organizers permission to stage a concert on George's Island featuring popular Newfoundland band Hey Rosetta! And CBC will set up a waterfront pavilion for live broadcasts during the day and a concert showcasing Canadian music each evening.

On the Dartmouth side of the harbour, a kid's zone is planned at Alderney Landing with regular ferry service provided by Theodore Tugboat Too.

"It's at events like these that the city really shines," says MacLean. "The harbour is a terrific stage, and we're going to take full advantage of that."



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These flower beds in the Public Gardens are filled with desert-loving plants. TOM MASON/FOR METRO

# Gardens rich in heritage

**Victorian.** Free tours of Public Gardens are offered Wednesdays

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For Metro

Serena Graham-Dwyer has seen a lot of changes to the Halifax Public Gardens in recent years. For one thing, there has been a real upswing in interest in the downtown Victorian edifice, thanks in large part to a now infamous storm.

"By the time hurricane Juan hit, I think a lot of people had lost interest in the gardens," she says. "The damage that was caused to the gardens made people start to pay attention again. At the same time, the city started putting more money into them, and it really shows."

The free tours Graham-Dwyer conducts through the gardens every Wednesday afternoon throughout the summer are a labour of love. She started offering them four years ago on a volunteer basis, armed with a degree from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, a background in horticulture and a love of history.

The Public Gardens were started in 1836, due in large part to the efforts of that venerable Haligonian, Joseph Howe. By the 1860s, they had grown to their present dimensions and were taken over by superintendent Richard Power, who devoted 45 years of his life to building them.

Graham-Dwyer likes to point out many of the features that make the Public Gardens a classic Victorian garden, such as the tropical garden.

"In the Victorian era, the tropical garden was all about

bragging rights," she says. "People would travel to exotic places, collect plants and bring them home to their own gardens."

This time of year, the blooms in the gardens are spectacular, but for Graham-Dwyer a lesser-known aspect of the Public Gardens is most impressive: The trees.

"That's one of the real characteristics of a Victorian garden," she says.

The Victorians liked trees and they liked to have one of each kind. There are more than 100 species of trees in the park, many of which are more than a century old.

"In a city, you don't often get a chance to look at trees that old," says Graham-Dwyer.

Her free tours start at Horticultural Hall Plaza in front of Uncommon Grounds Café every Wednesday at 2 p.m., rain days excluded.

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**HE SAYS...**  
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**FROM:** Conservative party headquarters  
**TO:** All MPs  
**SUBJECT:** Email etiquette  
Dear MPs,

As you've probably heard, we had an email faux pas this week when the immigration minister hit "reply all" on an email, making this the most open and transparent this government has ever been.

Jason Kenney meant to call Alberta's deputy premier a "complete and utter Albertan" but — wouldn't you know it? — auto-correct or spell-check or some darn thing changed it to a different A-word. I won't say which one, but let's just say it's not as clean as the oilsands (officially).

While as a Canadian majority government we can technically do whatever we want, it's important to remember some of the basic rules of email etiquette to better facilitate relationships and to make our day-to-day jobs easier.

## The basics:

- Always use a pleasant greeting and closing. If you are a federal minister, try to steer clear of the A-bomb.
- Address your contact with the proper level of formality. If they are the deputy premier of a major province, go with "Mr. Jerkface."
- Writing in all caps, adding italics or writing "!!!" does not make your point any more forceful. However, if you *DO ALL THREE???* I think the impact speaks for itself.

## Spam and scam:

- Be wary of spam, especially emails that seem out of character for the sender. Porn links from the Saudi family, for instance, are almost certainly spam unless it's from Deputy Minister of Defence Khalid bin Sultan. Dude is off the hook.
- Make sure you're not accidentally deleting emails from the Spam-meat headquarters in Burlington, Ont. Once, we didn't reply to their emails for months and we missed a picnic invite.
- It's unacceptable to send corny or tasteless jokes in weird fonts and tell people to pass it on. That's what Facebook is for.

## International relations:

- Always respond promptly to Nigerian princes. They're royalty, for goodness sake, and they need your help.
- Done properly, a nod to an foreign associate's culture can be well received. (E.g., "Congratulations on your son's marriage. UOL!" The UOL stands for ululating out loud.)
- "Please!" and "Thank you!" go a long way when lecturing other countries about how to run their economies.
- Finally, remember that even the tensest diplomatic exchange can be livened up with Comic Sans.

Hopefully this brief refresher course helped! Please forward this to five other people in your office by midnight or you will never find true love.

Also, if you have anything to say about Kenney, please hit "reply to sender" only.

Many thanks,  
Conservative Party of Canada



Minister of Immigration Jason Kenney has apologized to Alberta Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk for his comment. SEAN KILPATRICK / THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Germany — the missing piece



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## Russia-Germany

### Putting the puzzle together

People put together a jigsaw puzzle of a self-portrait of German artist Albrecht Durer in front of the state historical museum and a monument to Soviet-era Marshal Georgy Zhukov in Manezh Square outside the Kremlin in Moscow on Wednesday. The 300-square-metre puzzle is being set up on the occasion of the German Year in Russia.

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## Celebration

- The joint exhibition Germans and Russians — 1,000 Years of History, Art, and Culture, is the highlight of the opening of the German Year in Russia.
- On the German side, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation is in charge of the exhibition, which will be shown at the Neues Museum in Berlin starting in October in connection with the beginning of the Russia Year in Germany.

## Countries collaborating

**"The projects, which have been jointly conceived by Russian and German partners, place a high value on co-operation and exchange."**

Minister of State Cornelia Pieper, in a statement regarding the collaboration between Germany and Russia.

## Cost

**€3.6M**

This year's German Year programming is funded with 3.6 million euros (\$4.7 million) from public funds.



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@prepit:

Avoid the Bedford Hwy if you can, a whole lotta construction going on #HelloSummer

@ScottDRichey:

Downtown #halifax traffic is horrid right now. I really really need to fix my bike.

@evilpez4:

Dear Kenny Rogers. We miss your Roasters on Kempt Road. Please come back. Love, #Halifax #theGambler

@beckrbee:

I am serving tea at the LG Garden Party in Halifax. Very swanky! Lots of interesting hats.

@MathesonKate:

national day of action july 12th grand parade #kitpu #savekitpu #halifax



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## SCENE

## Scene in brief

**Mulroney says Good Morning**

One of Canada's best-known TV personalities is joining the weekend edition of Good Morning America. ABC says Ben Mulroney will begin appearing on the New York City-based series this Saturday. That's in addition to his ongoing role as co-anchor of CTV's entertainment show eTalk. The job follows Mulroney's two recent appearances as co-host of the morning talk show Live! with Kelly Ripa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## On the web



Jacksons prepare 16-city tour without brother Michael, 3 years after his death

**Local art scene.** How a local artist is found a fan base and a new direction



**BACKSTAGE PASS**  
Jenna Conter  
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Furniture is scarce in Nick Brunt's new apartment.

The local artist and I sit on the floor surrounded by his latest works and his record collection.

I assume future furniture will include a drawing table or easel, but Brunt tells me, "I have to work on the floor where everything is within reach."

Brunt's laidback approach to his process is a delightful symptom of his "weird entrance" into the art world.

"I was into animation and graffiti art when I was younger, and now I work in design," he said.

"I don't really have any formal art training."

As a creative member of the design world, Brunt creates everything from graphics for advertising to art for



Nick Brunt inside his apartment surrounded by his latest works. JENNA CONTER/METRO

## Quote

"I still draw, but it eventually came down to making canvasses and how can I get these into a show and that's when it started to take on a different life, I guess."

Nick Brunt  
On creative choices.

album covers, the latter of which is dropped into my lap by Brunt, gleaming with the genuine excitement of a child who just a gold star on their homework.

"It's my first nationally released (artwork). Isn't that fun?!"

Four years ago, Brunt took his art from the office to the galleries and seemed to fumble into a fan base.

"I had donated art into a charity art event in Halifax and (the owner of Argyle Fine Art) got a hold of it and it grew from there."

According to Brunt, his latest solo show, Hotdogs! Hotdogs! Hotdogs!, at Argyle Fine Art is "a sarcastic comment about the culture we're living in now."

"Everybody hates (hot dogs) now or knows how bad they are for you, but we have

fond memories of throwing back two or three and playing," he said. "And after going through this anti-hot dog culture for so long, I just wanted to say shut up and have a (expletive) hot dog!"

The show opens Friday at 7 p.m.



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Hollywood producers grease their odds of success by spreading the star power on thick, adding a smattering of CGI and sticking with refried franchise reboots, saucy sequels and piquant prequels. The seasoning they choose may change from year to year, but the zing of choice remains habanero-pepper-hot babes.

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## Emma Stone, The Amazing Spider-Man

Despite the inherent creepiness of Jim Carrey's infamous video valentine to Stone, his sordid soliloquy is still endemic of the hormonal effect this raspy-voiced firecracker summons up: "I just wanted to let you know that I think you're all the way beautiful. Not just pretty, but, you know, smart and kind-hearted. And if I were a lot younger, I would marry you, and we would have chubby little freckled faced kids. We'd laugh all day long."



## Kate Beckinsale, Total Recall

At times it's hard to tell who has a bigger crush on this gorgeous Brit: the Underworld fanboys who lapped up all four iterations of the vampires vs werewolves race war or Hollywood hotshots. With Beckinsale by his side in a fetching white strapless number at the 2012 Golden Globes while presenting an award, comedian Seth Rogen couldn't help himself. "Hello, I'm Seth Rogen, and I'm currently trying to conceal a massive erection," he quipped, clearly not reading off the teleprompter.



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## Anne Hathaway, The Dark Knight Rises

After catapulting into the spotlight with the Princess Diaries series, the fresh-faced ingenue eventually shed her Disney training wheels and navigated toward more mature and complex characters in Brokeback Mountain and Love and Other Drugs. Hathaway is bound to get the temperature rising when she fills out the figure-hugging Catwoman suit, taking the torch from Halle Berry, Michelle Pfeiffer and all the other smoldering actresses that have caught a bad case of cat scratch fever in Gotham City.



## Nikolette Noel, The Expendables 2

When a film has more testosterone than a cellblock at San Quentin you need a lights-out looker to represent womankind. This time out, we lose Mickey Rourke and Steve Austin, but alongside Stallone, Statham, Li, Lundgren, Couture and company are Schwarzenegger and Willis in full-on roles, and Chuck Norris and Jean Claude Van Damme. The daughter of a Hungarian model, this is Noel's highest profile role to date. She plays wife to Liam Hemsworth and no doubt will draw the eye of every other dude.



# 7 babes of summer

## Mila Kunis, Ted

Mila's it-girl factor has risen meteorically since her days on That 70s Show. Recent risqué roles in Black Swan and Friends with Benefits catapulted her into the Top 10 rankings on practically every "Sexiest Women on the Planet" list in the last couple years. Yet becoming one of the most desired leading ladies in the business has not messed with her head. Last July, a sergeant stationed in Afghanistan made a video asking her out on a date to a Marine Corps Ball with him, and Kunis took him up on the offer.



## Rihanna, Battleship

The green-eyed songstress is a remarkably appropriate choice for this \$200 million reimagining of the naval war game Milton Bradley originally conceived in 1931. Whenever the need arises the Barbadian beauty can always open her Umbrella to shield herself from an incoming plastic peg. And if the aliens sink her team's submarine (What? You thought the movie would just be Liam Neeson making googly eyes at Rihanna across the deck?), she can just belt out of Man Down. Unlike her racy 2010 album Rated R, this flick is PG-13, but with Rihanna and Brooklyn Decker aboard, this ship could float a little longer than the Bismarck.



## Scarlett Johansson, The Avengers

You'd think with Thor, Captain America, Iron Man, the Hulk, and Nick Fury et al jockeying for screen time the Black Widow would get short thrift. But hey, just because Black Widow's

superpowers are pretty puny when compared to her fellow Avengers, nobody tosses Scar-Jo in a corner. One of the most memorable scenes in the flick is Johansson bound to a chair surrounded by a trio of baddies whom she confidently dispatches in stun-

ning fashion. Whether she's zipping into a leather suit or decked out in S.H.I.E.L.D casual, her curves are always set to stun.

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# Tarantino up to his old tricks again with Django Unchained

**Wild West.** Foxx, DiCaprio and Waltz give performances that bring back memories of *Inglorious Basterds*, director's other films

Quentin Tarantino is rewriting history again with his upcoming film, *Django Unchained*.

After the success of his much-lauded World War II fiction film *Inglourious Bastards*, Tarantino is heading to the Wild West and time travelling to the years where slavery was still legal in America.

Jaime Foxx is the new Samuel L. Jackson — he might not have the cadence and the voice, but, just by the short clips of Foxx brandishing a pistol and cracking a whip, you know that he is one BAMF.

Leonardo DiCaprio is the new Brad Pitt — but evil at first, I had to do a double take to make sure that Lt. Aldo Raine (played by Brad Pitt in



Christoph Waltz, left, and Jamie Foxx play 1850s bounty hunters in Quentin Tarantino's upcoming film, *Django Unchained*. HANDOUT

*Inglourious Basterds*) wasn't starring in this film. Thanks to slight variations on their facial hair, I was able to tell the difference.

While both actors had to adopt Southern accents in their Tarantino appearances, DiCaprio plays a smooth villain — which is a far cry from

Pitt's boisterous war hero.

Christoph Waltz is a very versatile actor. Waltz's memorable role as a shrewd Nazi in *Inglourious Basterds* won him an Oscar.

Now he's back working with Tarantino. It seems like he'll be one of the heroes, a testament to the fact that no

matter what part he plays you can't keep your eyes off of him.

Dog the Bounty Hunter looks like a crossing guard compared to these two.

If one of the movie's tag lines — "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Vengeance" — didn't give you a hint that there would be blood in this film, then the fact that Tarantino — the master of dialogue, 360-degree pans around tables and gratuitous violence — is directing this film should have tipped you off.

The director isn't blatantly ripping off an old film, thank you very much. In the final bar scene, *Django* (Jaime Foxx) is sitting next to *Django* (Franco Nero). Nero starred in 1966's *Django*, a spaghetti western where he, a gunslinger, had to battle the KKK and a gang of Mexican Bandits.

For all those people out there who constantly complain that all of Tarantino's films are ripped off from somewhere and that he never gives the original films credit, here's his nod that he recognizes where he got his influences from. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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# Monsters beware

Abe Lincoln is not the only historical figure who could tangle with the forces of the supernatural and come out on top. These five warriors bring different — but no less effective — weapons in the fight against the forces of darkness.

MICHELLE CASTILLO  
Metro News World



## Florence Nightingale

Legendary nurse saved countless lives in the Crimean War, and the “lady with the lamp” was a trailblazer for sanitation and hygiene. Her skills would be priceless for containing the infectious zombie plagues that are becoming a constant nuisance.



## Cleopatra

The Egyptian pharaoh was a mystic who liked to experiment with witchcraft and substances. So who better to take on the bandaged terror of The Mummy where it lives?



## Horatio Nelson

British naval captain and hero of the Napoleonic wars. With such pedigree on the high seas we believe Nelson would have been an expert dragon slayer, capable of dousing any flames, and would have experience with sea monsters too.



## William Gladstone

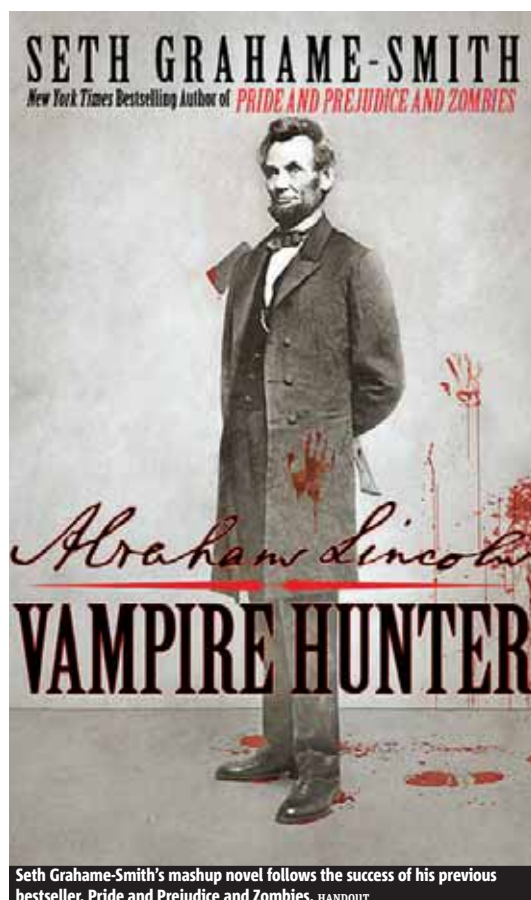
One of Britain's longest-serving prime ministers. When Gladstone wasn't handling business, he was happiest in his garden, where he earned a reputation for being green-thumbed. Useful in case of a Triffid-style mutant plant attack, or if the Little Shop of Horrors returns.



## George Washington

The first U.S. president was an excellent shot and a keen fox hunter. We see no reason why those skills couldn't be transferred to scarier, hairier dogs — such as werewolves.

# Who can say Lincoln didn't kill vampires?



## Imaginative mashup.

Author Seth Grahame-Smith came up with the idea after seeing Lincoln and Twilight books together

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Abraham Lincoln was secretly a vampire hunter? Only the detailed, imaginative mind of Seth Grahame-Smith could come up with a tale like this. He's made a living from mashups, like *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* and *The Dark Shadows*.

Metro World News spoke to him about his inspirations and why he chose Lincoln as his “historical revisionist” project.

## So, how do you come up with this stuff?

This idea specifically was a weird organic outgrowth of *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*. I was going around the country promoting that in 2009, which was coincidentally the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth so every bookstore I'd go into no matter where it was in the United States, I'd see the same display of Lincoln books, biographies, things like that. And, then inevitably there would be the *Twilight*: True

Blood table next to it. I started to draw the distinction of if everywhere you go there are vampire books right in front of the stores, and everywhere you go there are Lincoln books right in front of the stores. It stands to reason that...

## Maybe Abraham Lincoln was a vampire hunter?

Maybe there's something to combining them. It just began, a fun little game with-in myself imagining what it would be like. Would Lincoln be a vampire? I thought, “No that's not really true to his ideals. He would be a vampire hunter. That got me interested enough

to read about the real man, and when I started to read about the Lincoln legend I got hooked into it and started to see where all of the opportunities were to add the genre twist to it.

## Abraham Lincoln is pretty well-known in the U.S.. What do you think international audiences can glean from it?

What we've made here isn't so much a political movie about a

president as much as a superhero movie. It's a superhero origin movie really.

I think they would approach it as, I hope they would see it, whether they know much about Lincoln or not, he's an interesting guy who lived in the 19th century who made himself into, and this is in real life too, into something extraordinary.

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The primary characters of Pixar's latest animated feature film Brave are, from left, King Fergus (voiced by Billy Connolly), Queen

## Brave may seem familiar, but it's actually all new

**Fairy tale feel.** The filmmakers wanted audiences to be lulled into thinking they know what's happening but don't



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If you walk away from seeing Brave, the new Pixar princess movie, feeling as though the story was familiar, that was on purpose.

"We wanted it have that feeling where you wonder, 'Was that a real fairy tale?'" says producer Katherine Sarafian. "Because it feels like a classic, dark ancient tale but told in a new way."

Director Mark Andrews adds that it took years to fine-tune the story. "We didn't really have the story done,

done-done-done-itty-done-done in all its permutations, until December of last year." He says. "In the last three months I honed it. That happens by watching it over and over and over again."

"The film will tell you what it needs and it doesn't need much," says Sarafian. "It doesn't need every bit of dialogue ever recorded. You need to get the point across."

The inspiration for the story of Merida (voiced by Kelly Macdonald), a flame-haired

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Elinor (Emma Thompson) and Merida (Kelly Macdonald). HANDOUT

#### Break out the bagpipes

Set in ancient Scotland, many of *Brave's* voice actors are actually Scottish.

- **Kelly Macdonald as Merida**, was born in Glasgow and still lives there with her husband Dougie Payne from the band Travis.
- **Billy Connolly as King Fergus** was also born in Glasgow, and returned there in 2005 after years of living in Hollywood.
- **Robbie Coltrane as Lord Dingwall**. Born in Ruth-

erglen, Coltrane had to adopt an English accent to play Hagrid in the Harry Potter series.

- **Craig Ferguson as Lord Macintosh**. Also born in Glasgow, he wrote a book called *American on Purpose* about his immigration experience.
- **Kevin McKidd as Lord MacGuffin**. Born in Elgin, he is best known for his role in *Trainspotting*, a harrowing film about growing up in Scotland.

tomboy-turned-princess, who clashes with her mother and learns that you have to be careful what you wish for — especially when that wish is

granted by an absent-minded witch — came from a number of sources.

"There are stories about people changing onto ani-

mals," said Andrews. "There are stories about asking for a wish and it going wrong and teaching you a lesson. There are all those aspects of it in different pieces so we built this thing from scratch; pulling ideas that we know have worked in other places."

The final stop before theatres is the head office of Pixar, home to hits like *Finding Nemo*, *The Incredibles*, *WALL-E*, *Up* and *Toy Story 3*.

"The people I have to show the film to have been through it," says Andrews. "They have Academy Awards, so if they say, 'I smell a rat,' I have to get back in there. They are the best guys to have on your side. I want their response."

"Our bosses are creative," says Sarafian. "They have all directed, rather than having suits or business people make the decisions by focus group or budget. They're making decisions based on what they find entertaining based on their experiences and training."

The result is a classic feeling film, with no pop culture references. "We didn't want to be glib," said Sarafian, "we want generations to watch it."

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**"We didn't want to be glib; we want generations to watch it."**

Katherine Sarafian, *Brave* producer

Explaining why there are no pop culture references in the film

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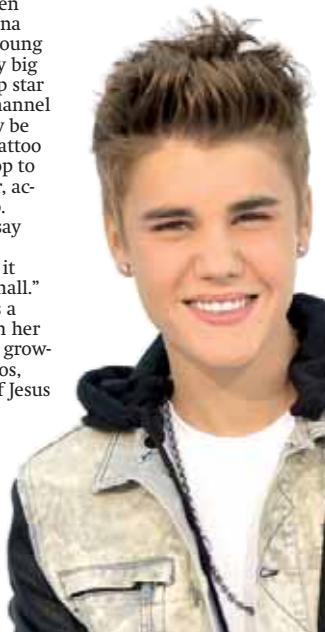


## Biebs and Gomez to get couple tattoos?

It must be love between Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, because the young couple is taking a very big step together: The pop star and former Disney Channel actress will reportedly be headed to New York tattoo artist Bang Bang's shop to get some ink together, according to Hollyscoop.

The source didn't say exactly what the pair would be getting, but it will be "something small."

Gomez already has a piece by Bang Bang on her side, and Bieber has a growing collection of tattoos, including a portrait of Jesus on his lower leg.



Drake

## Weezy wants Drizzy to squash the beef with Breezy

Rapper Lil Wayne is reportedly pressuring Drake to make peace with Chris Brown after last week's New York nightclub brawl, according to TMZ.

But why the desire to calm tensions? Because Wayne is worried it will hurt his business, as songs

with Brown doing a guest vocal tend to be big hits, a source explains.

"Making money matters most," a source says. Drake, for his part, is reportedly hesitant to extend an olive branch until he knows that Brown doesn't blame him for instigating the brawl.

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### The Word



## Deadmau5 puts Madonna on notice

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We weren't the only ones who sensed a little desperation in Madonna's current tour, which has featured more than one awkward striptease.

In the new issue of Rolling Stone, electronic music producer Joel Zimmerman (better known as Deadmau5, or that guy who wears a giant mouse head

onstage) called out the pop star for her recent appearance at the Ultra Music Festival, where she asked, "How many people in this crowd have seen Molly?" — a clumsy reference to ecstasy, as is the title of her new album, MDNA.

"You want to be 'hip' and 'cool' and 'funky grandma'? Fine. It's not my place to say you're irrelevant," says Zimmerman. "If you're gonna come into my world, at least do it with a little more dignity."

You heard the man, Madonna. And if you start name-checking wine spritzers on ice, expect to hear from us.



Johnny Depp. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Depp and Paradis are done, rep confirms

After six months of dodging rumours that they were on the rocks, Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have ended their 14-year relationship, Depp's rep confirms in a statement to Entertainment Tonight.

"Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have amicably

separated. Please respect their privacy and, more importantly, the privacy of their children," the statement reads. There's no word on how Depp and Paradis, who never married, will handle custody of their children, 12-year-old Lily Rose and nine-year-old Jack.

## Sheen taking serious 'precautions'

Charlie Sheen admits that he's had to make some changes to the way he parties at his house after last year's very public flame-out.

"We take phones and purses at my house, and people have to sign s—," Sheen tells Playboy magazine. "I'm not living in the Pentagon, but I've been burned enough to have to take precautions. It's either that or choose a different type of woman or party

guest, because you never know."

And as for why the troubled actor remains popular? He has a theory: "If you're special, you're tortured," he says.

"I know that sounds arrogant, but you can't not be special and have a 30-year career. You can't not be a little different from others and be successful for three decades. Your mind has to work a little differently than the average brain."



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# Style Olympics

The fashion giants face off at London 2012. Who cares about the medals, when some of the cattiest competition will be going on in the style stakes?

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Sportswear has always been a sticky topic for fashionable types. For a start, sports people do require a level of practicality and comfort.

In the fashion world, those are two ugly words used almost exclusively for those individuals who wear hiking

gear in the city or running trainers while commuting because they're just easier. I shudder.

The balance between looking good and performing well offers a dilemma that's long plagued athletes who are forced into some over-brand-

ed piece of nationalistic lycra worn under what amounts to little more than a shell suit.

Thankfully, in this age of celebrity endorsements and collaborations, the real designer talent has got behind their teams, namely Giorgio Armani (Italy), Stella McCart-

ney and Adidas (Great Britain), Cedella Marley (Jamaica) and Ralph Lauren (U.S.A.).

Patriotic, yes and also the perfect piece of marketing with the Games' status as a visual spectacle and of course the potential for a multi-billion global audience.



## Italy

You'd expect flair and passion from the Italians, and EA7 Emporio Armani sportswear delivers. Giorgio Armani created a 50-piece collection complete with luggage cut in white and midnight blue, which was the traditional colour pre-1970s. And if Italy's athletes need inspiration they need only look to the first words of Mameli's hymn (national anthem) embroidered on the inside of jackets and sweatshirts.

## Great Britain

Great Britain gymnast Louis Smith says of the kit: "I really do love it. I like the way that the Union Jack is incorporated into the leotard and tracksuit — and it's more comfortable than anything I've competed in." Stella McCartney had all the pressure designing for the host nation and she seems to have delivered, despite claims that the design on the chest resembles the X Factor logo. Wishful thinking, perhaps.



## Jamaica

Cedella Marley — yes she is Bob Marley's daughter — really did have to create something special, seeing as Usain Bolt is almost a dead certain for the gold. Marley looked to sport, music (there's an element of Buffalo Soldier) and Jamaican culture. There's even a nod to Bob with his face featuring on the shoulder of some track jackets. Marley said at the launch, "A little piece of him is going to be in London."

## U.S.A.

Ralph Lauren is no stranger to the sports field, or London for that matter, with his regular collections for the Wimbledon staff. Lauren looked to the London 1984 Olympics and the 1930s and 1940s with off-duty cricket-collar shirts and sweatshirts and a dash of patriotic pride thanks to the felt U.S.A. appliqués. It's likely to be the biggest hit commercially with the brand's iconic polo player motif.



## Canadian Apparel

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Metro chats with Suzanne Timmins, senior vice-president and fashion director for the Hudson's Bay Company, about Hudson's Bay Company Olympic Collection.



### What was the inspiration behind the 2012 Summer Olympic Team Apparel collection?

We were inspired by sports and the great outdoors. We wanted to create a Summer Olympic collection that our athletes — and all Canadians — would embrace.

### What is your favourite piece from the 2012 line that you'll be wearing as you cheer on Team Canada?

The Track Jacket is one of my favourite pieces from the Bay's Canadian Olympic Collection.

MELISSA REBER

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## LIFE

### Fashion Flash

### Adidas cancels shoe

Adidas cancelled plans for a sneaker with a shackle-like ankle cuff Monday night after some critics said it too closely resembled a symbol of slavery. The JS Roundhouse Mid, a high-top sneaker with an orange plastic cuff, was made in collaboration with fashion designer Jeremy Scott.

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# With wall art, go big, or don't bring it home



**Wall power.** Large-scale art is the key to adding impact to a room



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Last year I had the pleasure of meeting Marta Calles, president of Crate & Barrel and former design director of CB2 stores.

Over the past few years both Crate & Barrel and CB2 have made great efforts to enter the Canadian market with many store openings and on-line web offerings. During our meeting, Marta and I discussed our visions of future home decor trends and in particular, the trending of the royals.

The royal wedding, the Queen's Jubilee and the summer Olympics made us sure everyone would want a little accent of British style in their homes after all these events had passed.

About a week after my meeting I emailed Ms. Calles; thanking her for her time and the great conversation about trends that we'd had. I referred back to our royal-trend discussion and included an image of a small portrait that I had painted of the Queen. Not an artist by any means (my painting was a weekend project) I hoped to show her how far ahead of the royal trend I had been.

To my surprise, Ms. Calles replied back to my email saying she loved the 'attitude' of the painting and wanted to have it reproduced for CB2 stores. Long story short, the painting was reproduced on canvas and enlarged to a whopping 44 inches wide and 60 inches tall; a size of art sure to add impact wherever the painting chooses to live. It will launch this Saturday at all CB2 stores. To be considered somewhat of an artist puts a great check on my bucket list, next thing to tackle will be a recorded song; or perhaps I should just stick to decorating.

I've always professed that one of the easiest ways to add impact to any room is by hanging large scale artwork on the walls. Big art can help add impact to a small or characterless



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room; and without taking up any floor space.

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Here's a few things to keep in mind when hanging art in your space:

- **How high?** The middle of your artwork should be hung 66-70 inches off the floor.
- **Consider your other furniture.** The bottom of artwork should be 8-12 inches above headboards, credenzas or sofas.
- **Remember.** Large-scale art helps to create big impact in a small space.
- **Optical illusion.** Hang artwork vertically stacked to help draw the eye upward in a room.



# Greet these warm summer days with Grilled Salmon (in two tasty ways)

In *The New Granville Island Market Cookbook*, authors Judie Glick and Carol Jensson offer a range of enticing recipes that span the seasons and showcase the ingredients available at the Granville Island Public Market.

One of the recipes is for this Grilled Salmon, which can be made in two ways. You can add your favourite sauce to enhance the grilled salmon or garnish with just a wedge of lemon.

Serve it with roasted new potatoes and a simple salad.

## Option 1

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. Place fillet, skin side down, on barbecue. Close lid and let salmon cook through, 10 to 15 minutes. Place on a platter and serve.

## Option 2

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. In bowl, mix mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper.

## Ingredients

### Option 1

- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

### Option 2

- 60 ml (4 tbsp) mayonnaise (full fat is best)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) freshly ground pepper
- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)

Place fillet, skin side down, on a sheet of foil and evenly spread mayonnaise mixture over top. Tent foil over salmon and place on barbecue.

3. Grill for 10 to 15 minutes until fish is cooked through. Place on a platter and serve.

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## Grilled Salmon Two Ways



Both options serve four people. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

## Book of the week

### Vancouver staple



When Vancouver's Granville Island Public Market opened in 1979, Judie Glick was one of the original vendors. Her love of food inspired her to create a cookbook honouring the market.

Now, Glick has teamed up with Carol Jensson, another longtime market resident, for *The New Granville Island Market Cookbook* (Arsenal, 2012).

The book is divided into the four seasons, with recipes for appetizers, soups and salads, entrées and fruits, sweets and baked goods. They revamped some of the recipes from the original book — making them lighter and fresher — and added some new ones. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Hockey

Moose's  
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signs with  
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Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Sawyer Hannay officially signed with Salzburg Red Bull on Wednesday. The 19-year-old former Vancouver Canucks draft choice had already been training with the Austrian club and is expected to play for its junior team, according to redbull.com. Hannay spent three seasons in Halifax but wanted to pursue a pro opportunity rather than return to the QMJHL as an over-ager.

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## On the web



Roger Clemens was acquitted Monday on all charges that he obstructed and lied to Congress in denying he used performance-enhancing drugs. So does the seven-time Cy Young winner now have a better case to be inducted into Cooperstown? Scan the code for the story.

# 'A lot on the line' for teenage Halifax gymnast

**Gymnastics.** Ellie Black heads to Gatineau camp in solid position to qualify for Olympics



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Earlier this year, the Olympics were a distant, long-term goal for Ellie Black. Suddenly, the 16-year-old gymnast finds herself one strong performance away from a trip to London.

The Halifax native is ranked fourth entering Gymnastic Canada's final Olympic selection camp in Gatineau, Que., starting Sunday, and if she holds down or improves that placement at the five-day event, she'll clinch a spot at the Summer Games.

"My coach (Keiji Yamana) has always had it in the back of his mind," Black said. "Four years ago, he told me, 'Our long-term goal, if we can get you where you can be, maybe the Olympics,' so that's always been there. But until this year, it didn't seem like it could be possible. When this year started to go really good, then it was

## Standings

Gymnastic Canada's point standings heading into next week's final Olympic selection camp:

- 1. Kristina Vaculik — 46.4
- 2. Victoria Moors — 30.8
- 3. Dominique Pegg — 20.1
- 4. Ellie Black — 17.6
- 5. Jessica Savona — 11.8

(Source: gymnasticscoach-ing.com)

like, 'OK, well, maybe.'"

Maybe is an understatement. With barely any international experience, Black started the year with two breakthrough performances in April, first winning gold on floor and vault at a meet in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and then pulling off another double-gold in beam and vault at a World Cup in Osijek, Croatia.

That success boosted Black's confidence and set

the tone for her first-place finish on vault and third-place finish on floor at nationals in Regina in late May.

"I wasn't expecting to win (in Brazil and Croatia)," Black admitted. "Some events, I was hoping maybe I could make the finals ... but I wasn't expecting to go in and win, which was really surprising. It was great."

Canada is sending a five-woman gymnastics team to London along with one reserve. Athletes with the top-four aggregate scores between nationals and next week's selection camp make the Olympic team, while a fifth member will be determined based on which athlete has the best chance of making an event final.

Black enters the selection camp with 17.6 points after nationals, a 5.8-point edge on fifth-ranked Jessica Savona.

"Just to go there and be a part of that (selection camp), it's such a great achievement," Black said. "I'm a bit nervous, because, I mean, there's a lot on the line ... but I wasn't one of those people who's been expecting to go to the Olympics for years. So, I guess, it's whatever happens, happens."



Ellie Black receives her Ricoh Sport Award as Sport Nova Scotia's female individual athlete of the year earlier this month from David Armstrong, vice-president of marketing for Ricoh Canada. CONTRIBUTED/SPORT NOVA SCOTIA

## Russian superstar shows he's got Hart



Pittsburgh Penguin Evgeni Malkin poses with the Ted Lindsay Award, the Art Ross Trophy and the Hart Trophy during the NHL Awards on Wednesday in Las Vegas. JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Evgeni Malkin took a quick look around and could hardly believe his eyes.

There sat the Hart Trophy, Ted Lindsay Award and Art Ross Trophy — all soon to be inscribed with his name after Malkin completed an impressive hat trick at the NHL's awards show on Wednesday night. The Pittsburgh Penguins centre struggled to describe his emotions before calling it the best day of his life.

"It's a special day to me," said Malkin. "I hope it's not the last one. I try to work every year and I hope to be here again."

There could be no more fitting star of the show on an

evening that saw every major award go to a first-time winner.

Malkin has been among the NHL's elite players since entering the league in 2006, but this was his first real twirl in the spotlight. Twice a runner-up for league MVP, Malkin was a runaway champion this time around after a season that saw him hit the 50-goal plateau for the first time and finish with 109 points.

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For more coverage of the NHL awards, go to metronews.ca/sports.

## Winners' circle

Other winners Wednesday night included:

- **Norris Trophy (top defenceman).** Erik Karlsson, Ottawa Senators.
- **Calder Trophy (rookie of the year).** Gabriel Landeskog, Colorado Avalanche.
- **Vezina Trophy (top goaltender).** Henrik Lundqvist, New York Rangers.

## MLB

Brewers brush  
aside Blue Jays

Toronto's pitching staff remains desperately short-handed and the Blue Jays weren't able to hit their way out of trouble this time.

With injuries testing the depth of the rotation, emergency starter Joel

Carreno gave up three home runs in a five-run second inning and the Blue Jays lost to the Milwaukee Brewers 8-3 on Wednesday.

Carreno (0-2) took the loss shortly after being called up from Triple-A Las Vegas.

"It's not the ideal situation when you have to take an overnight flight in here," Blue Jays manager John Farrell said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Joel Carreno throws a pitch. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## MLB

Tulowitzki's return  
to Rockies in limbo

Colorado Rockies short-stop Troy Tulowitzki will have surgery on his left groin area on Thursday and it's unknown when he'll return.

Tulowitzki was injured May 30 against Houston. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Cycling

Hesjedal nets \$10K  
for Giro jersey

One of Ryder Hesjedal's pink jerseys from his Giro d'Italia victory has fetched \$10,300 US on eBay.

Hesjedal has said the money will go to Canadian Athletes Now Fund and also his cycling foundation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**





Cristiano Ronaldo scores his team's second goal past Maarten Stekelenburg of the Netherlands Sunday in Kharkov, Ukraine. IAN WALTON/GETTY IMAGES

# Ronaldo again key to Portugal success

**Euro 2012.** Czech Republic coach Bilik puts emphasis on smothering Portuguese star

Cristiano Ronaldo now gets the royal, reverential treatment at the European Championship even from some of his opponents.

The Czech Republic faces Portugal on Thursday and by now, most are in such awe of the creative talents of the Real Madrid superstar that there is no point in hiding tactics.

It is clear that Portugal will seek to push Ronaldo forward to expose the Czech defence, and equally clear that Czech coach Michal Bilik has already planned on how to deny him the necessary space to spread his magic.

"If Ronaldo runs, it is impossible to stop him," Bilik said on the eve of the quarter-final. "We have to close the defence

and not give him any space."

If the opponents are already full of admiration, Ronaldo's own teammates tried to outdo one another.

Midfielder Joao Moutinho called Ronaldo the best in the world — better even than Lionel Messi — and coach Paulo Bento protected him when his lack of defending was questioned.

"Every player has his own function or task," Bento said. "We try to combine this in the best possible way."

Even Czech captain Tomas Rosicky said exceptional players merit exceptional rules.

"If someone is on such a high level, he can afford not to help the defence and just score goals," Rosicky said.

All this comes after Ronaldo was criticized for two wasteful games that put the Portuguese on the brink of elimination. Then he produced two goals and perhaps his best international game in a 2-1 come-from-behind win over the Netherlands which earned Portugal a spot in the quarter-

## Past matches

- The Czech Republic and Portugal have met twice since the split of Czechoslovakia in 1993. Both encounters took place at European Championships.
- The Czechs stunned Portugal 1-0 in the 1996 quarter-finals in England, while the Portuguese won a group-stage match 3-1 in 2008 at the tournament co-hosted by Austria and Switzerland.

finals.

Bento made no secret that team tactics would stay the same against the Czechs, using the speed and skills of forwards like Ronaldo and Nani to unsettle the Czech underdogs.

"We will have the same tactical lineup that we played before," said Bento. "We won't give up our strategy. We have to play with speed like we have done." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# James on the mend with his mind on a first championship

LeBron James has never been here before.

He's been in nearly every imaginable situation over his nine seasons marked by three MVP awards, three trips to the NBA finals with two teams and one decision that changed everything.

And now this: For the first time, he's one win from a championship.

"I have a job to do," James said Wednesday. "And my job is not done."

The job may get done Thursday night, when the Miami Heat — up 3-1 in this title series — host the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 5 of the finals. Even after leaving Game 4 late with a cramp, James is on the cusp of finally becoming a champ. He was swept in his first finals trip in 2007, then he and the Heat fell in the 2011 title series in six games.

After countless ups and



LeBron James GETTY IMAGES

downs, the 804th game of his career may be the one that ends his title quest.

"I have no idea what I'll say before we go out there," said James, who got treatment again Wednesday but said soreness that followed the cramps in his left leg was easing. "But hopefully what-

ever I say will inspire our guys to go out and give a good show."

James joined the Heat in 2010 after Miami convinced him that he would have enough help to win a championship. The Heat were keeping Dwyane Wade, adding Chris Bosh and filling out the roster with a mix that would be best described as unconventional.

If that axiom — more options are better — actually needed to be proven, it was done in Game 4.

James could not finish the game, though he returned after the first wave of cramps hit and delivered a key three-pointer. With James watching the final minute, Wade and Mario Chalmers helped close out the Thunder, Miami winning 104-98 to move one win away from the franchise's second championship.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Spiritual

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gift of forgiving the wrong that is done to me  
and you are in all institutes of my life. I, in this  
short dialogue, want to thank you for every-  
thing and confirm once more that I never  
want to be separated from you no matter  
how great the material desire may be. I want  
to be with you and my loved ones in your per-  
petual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love  
towards me and my loved ones.

Say this prayer, along with 3 Our Fathers, 3  
Hail Mary's and 3 Glory Be's, for 3  
consecutive days without asking for your  
wish. After the third day your wish will be  
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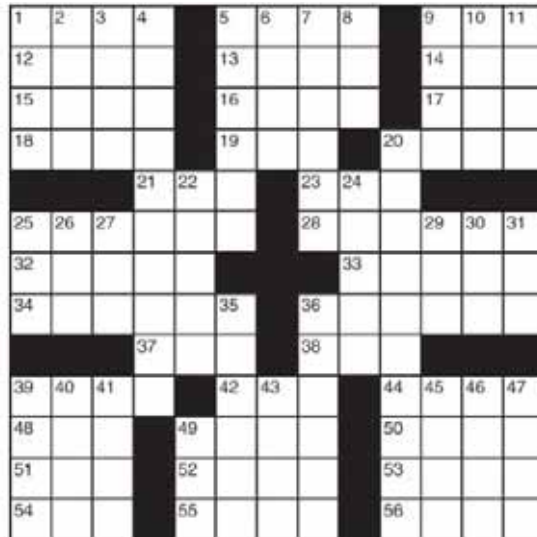


### Across

- 1 Family member  
5 Inclination  
9 Bratty sort  
12 Stagehands  
13 Reed instrument  
14 Darin's wife  
15 South Seas starch source  
16 Sell  
17 Part of UNLV  
18 At a snail's pace  
19 Will Ferrell movie  
20 Let off steam  
21 That girl  
23 Copper head?  
25 Convent leader  
28 Holy city?  
32 Employs  
33 Kohoutek, e.g.  
34 Rhododendron's kin  
36 Secret  
37 Type measures  
38 Mainlander's memento  
39 Cracked slightly  
42 Possessed  
44 Rockwell's magazine  
48 Promptly  
49 Ex-frosh  
50 Always  
51 Links prop  
52 — Major  
53 Showroom sample

### Down

- 1 Performances  
2 Caspian Sea feeder  
3 Sleuth Wolfe  
4 Bike  
5 Lids  
6 The third man  
7 OK for dieters  
8 "Hazel" cartoonist  
Key  
9 Between jobs  
10 Contemptible  
11 Nuisance  
20 Bike  
22 Ruhr city  
24 Bowling game  
25 "Eureka!"  
26 Occupation, colloquially  
27 Underwear with underwire  
29 Ostrich's cousin  
30 East Coast st.  
31 Mel of Cooperstown  
35 On the beach  
36 Trite  
39 Initial chip  
40 "Piano Man" singer  
41 Dumbfounds



- 43 Basilica section  
45 It takes the cake  
46 Big rig  
47 Stomped (on)

49 Bottom line



### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Yesterday's Sudoku

2	9	6	8	3	7	1	5	4
1	7	5	2	4	9	6	8	3
3	8	4	5	1	6	2	9	7
4	1	7	9	2	8	3	6	5
5	2	9	6	7	3	8	4	1
6	3	8	4	5	1	7	2	9
7	6	2	3	9	5	4	1	8
9	4	1	7	8	2	5	3	6
8	5	3	1	6	4	9	7	2

### Yesterday's Crossword



### Cryptoquip

### How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

S O E Z W F W B E C U W Z S O T  
D H H S K W , A D J D G V G M M D V W  
W B M F D J W W V ' K D - N D C U W C V E C W  
K D O V S A W C W A K E F F - F W E T G W V ?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY WALL-COVERING  
BUSINESS HAS BEEN GETTING MUCH SLOWER.  
YOU MIGHT SAY PAPERING IS TAPERING.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals O



For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

### Horoscope

#### ♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Travel and social activities are well starred today and for several days to come, so get up and get at 'em.

#### ♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You will be tempted to splash out on pretty things, both for yourself and as gifts for other people. It's good of you to be so generous but can you really afford it?

#### ♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

By all means, make an effort to see things from someone else's point of view but don't go too far and betray your own beliefs.

#### ♊ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You want to do good deeds for people but don't spend so much time helping strangers that you neglect those you are closest to emotionally.

#### ♊ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

In some people's eyes, you have been a bit too self-obsessed of late. Time to remind them you're a nice guy.

#### ♊ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

People in positions of authority will go out of their way to help you today. This may surprise you considering how difficult they have been in recent weeks but it's not a trick.

#### ♊ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Venus, your ruler, is aligned with Uranus, planet of changes, so if you need to shake things up a bit, you'll find it easy to do so.

#### ♊ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

The intensity of your feelings may surprise you today, but only because you have bottled up your emotions for so long. Something will happen that brings it all out into the open.

#### ♊ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Partnerships generally and affairs of the heart in particular will improve to no end over the next few days.

#### ♊ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Something you took a bit too seriously in the past will no longer worry you. In fact, you'll put it out of your mind for good.

#### ♊ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

No matter how much your creative efforts may have been hindered in the past, you will find it easy to side-step obstructions and do something extraordinary now.

#### ♊ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Try to be a bit more discerning about who you show warmth and regard for. Yes, of course, each soul is precious but you cannot give your heart to everyone. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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"Nik Wallenda's got nothing on me!"

Liz

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